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There's an old proverb about a mountain laboring and bringing forth a mouse. With high hopes, the YD Veterans Association set out, two months ago, to develop plans for what was to be an All New England Number. Bulletins were issued to every Chapter, followed up by second notices. The idea was to have every New England city and town where a YD Chapter exists represented by at least a page of advertising from its local merchants and business men, as a token of their friendliness toward the Division, and as a very definite aid to their own business in the assured reciprocity of YD men in those towns who were to be urged to give every bit of business they could do to the firms who took space.

Furthermore, every Chapter was promised 50% of the proceeds for itself—50 cents of every dollar's worth it sold. And still further, at its own expense, the national organization printed up contract forms and distributed them among the Chapters.

What is the result? You see it on the back cover. The All New England Number has dwindled down to a Connecticut Number, with two pages of advertising. One from Hartford and one from New Haven. As for all the other places, the less said the better. There is only one answer, downright and outright laziness. Don't say, "It couldn't be done." About two years ago, right in the middle of the depression, in the single city of Boston alone, alone and unaided, your editor with no one helping him, solicited, obtained, and printed over $400.00 worth of advertising, close to seven pages!

There is too much lackadaisical day-dreaming in most Chapters about how to get by—how to raise some cash—and too much hot air in meetings about it. When a golden opportunity comes (with a little good hard work attached to it) every last man-Jack is too tired to get out and plug.

All right, a-a-a-a-ll right! YANKEE DOINGS will get by without the extra income; and it's a heluva boost its chapters have given it, (or themselves either, for that matter).

Here's your Hartford-New Haven number; and give 'em a salute and a cheer, boys; the only ones who did anything. And give 'em some business, too; they deserve it.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES

"Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." In seven words our forefathers summed up the essential cravings of the human race. Further, they proclaimed them to be the RIGHT of every free man, and sought with every ounce of wisdom they possessed to safeguard that right in the framework of the new republic which they founded. They wrought well. They're dead and gone, God rest their bones; it's OUR fight now!

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Much is heard today of "the good of the whole"—the rights of society being greater than the right of any individual. Beware of that doctrine! In it lies the seed of destruction and slavery. A free nation is a nation of free men. No man has the right to run amuck of the rights of the whole, but beyond that point, the rights of the individual are what count. The dreams and aspirations of men free to dream and aspire can bring forth fruit—material and spiritual—for the nourishment of all. Society as a whole is an inanimate, soul-less thing; it has no dreams and aspirations. It cannot go forward on its own momentum; the immortal soul of individual men is the mainspring of ALL progress. And to act it must be free. Pool all human resources in a common pot; take from each who achieves much a large share to distribute to him who achieves nothing, and you cap the fountain-head of creative genius wherein lies the sole hope of a better world.

What thing is it that we—all of us—you and you and you and I—most desire during our stay on this foot-stool? I'll tell you what it is, and what it always has been since man first shed his tail and came down out of the trees. It's the right to live our own life, to make of ourselves and for ourselves what we can and will; to work a little, play a little, love a little, rest a little, ponder a little, to put our hearts and hands to a task and achieve it; to have a place which is our own and in it those persons and things we love and cherish; to retain as our very own those things which our services of hand or brain have purchased (and paid for). A few hours to dream and a few hours to walk beneath the stars and know that our soul belongs to God and ourself—and no other.

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Where does "government" enter this picture? Simply as an "agency" to attain these ends; to insure us the right to these things without being thwarted by those who would prevent it, and conversely to prevent us from interfering with the right of every other man to do the same. It does not guarantee our success; it merely safeguards our right to find our *own* success. That is the sole purpose of a government of free men. It has no existence in its own right.

If just one single fact could be proclaimed from the mountain tops, printed on the front page of every newspaper in the land, broadcast from every radio station, posted on billboards along every roadside, until it became as familiar a thought in every mind as that food satisfies hunger! And that is:

1. There is no such thing as "the government" as something existing by itself alone, separate and apart from me.

2. There are not two things, the government and the people, the government is the will of the people.

3. The government exists because I let it exist, to do what I want it to: it is not I who exist to do what the government wants ME to.

Get that! Before you go any further go back and read it again and digest it! You believe it, don't you? Because what's to come is going to singe the hair right off the tops of some heads, and make a few whiskers curl tighter than Haile Selassie's.

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Keep YANKEE DOINGS out of partisan politics. Yeah? It has stayed out of politics a long, long time. And if this is politics, then Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and George Washington were politicians; and the concept of a nation of free men embodied in the Constitution was a political stump speech. To us what follows is no more politics" than my right to call in a cop and take a man that robs my house to court.

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We get as good a government as we deserve—and —we're getting it! And we don't mean Federal government alone, but state, city, county and all the rest.

Is government to-day an instrument existing "by consent of the governed", to perform the will of the governed? It is like hell! It exists OF itself, BY itself, FOR itself, and ON the rest of us! It has taken on the character of an independent entity, a creature having life of its own; and like other living things, impelled first and foremost by the urge of self-perpetuation. That in itself is enough to damn it for all eternity. What else has it done? What are some of the counts in the indictment?

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1. Arrogance. We accuse government of usurping powers never granted to it; of considering itself as existing to work its OWN will. It has seen fit to set limitations to the individual's success; to take away from him—for itself—any amount of anything which is more than it thinks he should have. It has seen fit to dictate how much he shall work, how much he shall produce, how much he shall earn, and how much he shall fork over to support his most costly and most useless luxury—itself. (And we're paying the bills.)

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2. Selfishness. We accuse government of helping only those who can and will help it. It has seen fit to substitute party affiliation for ability. (This is no new thing; we do not say THIS government.) It has filled countless positions with worthless loafers and some with racketeering scoundrels. It has dispensed the largesse at its command throughout the length and breadth of the land to put as many votes under moral obligation to its own perpetuation as possible. (And we're paying the bills.)

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3. Inefficiency. It has been stated, and in a Democratic paper at that, that it costs $250.00 in overhead—salaries of officials and the like—to put $60.00 into the pocket of the man who needs it. Offices, bureaus and departments are filled with men and women sitting on their fannies, either doing nothing, or doing what it would be much more profitable to leave undone, or doing over again what has already been done, or doing something to make something for someone else to do, or doing something the need for which has long ceased to exist. (And we're paying the bills.)

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4. Dishonesty. "You can't get a job without a pull." "It isn't what you know, it's who you know." "See so-and-so, I did him a favor; tell him I sent you; he'll 'fix it up' for you." "It's none of the public's business how much this department costs." (And we're paying the bills.)

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5. Stupidity. Government has sought to achieve plenty by scarcity; it has sought to raise up by tearing down; to create wealth by tossing it away; to raise the standard of life by rewarding the least fit, the least capable, the least willing, and penalizing the efficient, the industrious and the ambitious. By

"soak-the-rich" taxation to support boondoggling with its left hand while its right devalues the livelihood of those whose incomes are fixed, it has bent every effort to win the heart (and the vote) of the millions who never made any particular effort to take care of themselves at the expense of those who have. It has, like a 10 year old child, told us that we were richer because we had more "dollars", created by calling each one two! (And we're paying the bills.)

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6. Cowardice. It has, like any old dead-beat, incurred all the debt its creditors will stand for; made little or no effort to earn anything by its own worth to pay them off; and proposes passing them along to another generation like a lazy father waiting to be supported by his sons. It has even dodged the issue of raising enough money to carry running expenses. "Not this year: this is election year, and it might cost us our precious hides. We might not be back next year with our hand in the money barrel. We might even have to go to work."

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7. Treason. Government has even suggested devices for altering its own grounds for existence, so that it may go its way unhampered and unimpeded by such incumbrances as the Constitution and the people.

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Arrogance, selfishness, inefficiency, dishonesty, stupidity, cowardice and treason. Yes, guilty of them all. And we, like boobs, sit and take it—and pay for the luxury of the privilege.

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We're no Republican and we're no Democrat. We have voted both ways. (And we never got anything from either of 'em.) But by the thundering Jehovah, we hope we're an American. And if all of us together haven't got guts enough to bring government —Federal, state, city or town, Republican or Democrat—back to an agency responsible to US—to protect us from our enemies within and without, to be paid however much we think the job is worth and no more, keep its hands out of everything else, give us a chance to achieve our own destiny, and keep its mouth shut unless we order it to say something, then call in Hitler for we no longer know how to run our own shebang.

DEDICATION OF THE GENERAL CLARENCE R. EDWARDS BRIDGE

Lynn-Revere, Mass., May 17, 1936

A great event of the coming year, of interest to former members of the Yankee Division, is the dedication of the $1,400,000 bridge connecting Revere and Lynn, which will be formally dedicated on Sunday, May 17, 1936. Also the Pre-Dedication Banquet and Ball to be held Saturday evening, May 16th, at the New Ocean House, Swampscott.

This dedication is under the sponsorship of the LYNN YD CLUB, but is supervised by an incorporated committee composed of members of the LYNN YD CLUB. They are JOHN T. SULLIVAN (M), President; A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE (M), Treasurer; V. GERALD FAIRBANKS (M), Secretary. The Board of Directors are THOMAS J. CURRAN (M), EDMUND CALLAHAN (M), Dr.HAROLD CROWELL (M), EDMOND Q. DEE, FRED HARRINGTON (M), LEON VARNAM (M), EDWARD SAULNIER (M), JOHN MORGAN, ESQUIRE (M), ROY KNOX (M), TONY A. GAROFANO (H.M.).

Invitations have been sent to the six New England Governors requesting their presence at both the Banquet and Dedication. One of the features will be a mammoth parade the day of the dedication. All Legion Posts in the State are being requested through the State Department of the American Legion to participate in the parade. Cash prizes totaling $500 will be awarded to the best appearing, best playing, cadence and maneuvering unit in line of march.

Lt. Com. Leo J. Broyderick, Chairman of Naval Affairs, has assured us there will be a squadron of Navy planes from Hingham, giving air maneuvers at the time of the dedication. A detachment of sailors from the Charlestown Navy Yard, and all available cruisers and destroyers of the North Atlantic Squadron in these waters will be anchored near the bridge.

The Radio Committee composed of TRACEY DIBBLE, RAYMOND MEADER, and ROBERT STANCHFIELD, state that plans are being made whereby the dedication ceremonies will be broadcast through the facilities of the Yankee Network.

A handsome souvenir program book is being published by the Committee, and it will contain a full-page picture of General Edwards, a history of the bridge, how the bridge was named by the Lynn YD Club, and last but not least, it will contain a complete history of the Division beginning with the formation of the Division, all engagements in France, and the mustering out of service, and the disbanding of one of the greatest fighting division of the American Army.

It is hoped and expected that every YD man in New England will make every effort to attend this "Event of the Year".

—JOHN T. SULLIVAN, (M), *President*
General Chairman

A SORT OF PROGRESS REPORT

Sorry we had to disappoint you with no February issue of DOINGS. Will try to make amends with a good newsy one this time. The facts of the matter were pretty well stated on the first page of the January number; finances wouldn't permit, and if there's one thing we do like to do it's pay as we go. To our many new members who wonder whether they've been gypped out of two dollars and aren't going to get much in return, just a word. It's your support and your willingness not to expect too much all at once, that is slowly and gradually bringing about the time of bigger and better YANKEE DOINGS for all of us. We're growing; there are more members and more organized Chapters today than ever before. But if, on strength of that, your officers decided to spread out a little, go in debt a little, we'd be as bad off as ever. They say faith is a great thing; we wouldn't know being sort of short on faith in general, but this we do know, that if loyal members will believe we are giving them in return every bit we can and pay the bills, will have the "faith" in the future to support the YD Veterans Association in even greater numbers, without asking too great returns for a little while, we'll soon be where everyone will be getting more for his money than he ever did before.

At present writing, the Association's books are in black. We have more than we owe, which is going some for the first of March, the last month of the fiscal year. And we haven't "passed the hat" during the present administration. How has it been done? By plugging, my friends, just plain plugging! Plugging first and foremost and all the time for more members—AND GETTING THEM!

We don't supose the average reader has any conception of the amount of work that has been done in the past six or seven months by the officers of the Association. Not all of them. Some of them have flopped and flopped bad. We won't name any names; but the brunt of the load has fallen on the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, four of the eight Vice Presidents, and the officers of all but four of five of the 40 chapters.

During the present winter your President and Secretary have visited chapters in all six of the New England states, most of them several times, in New York City and Washington. In nearly every case the Treasurer has been on hand too, and the Vice President of the state, as well as a delegation from the Worcester Convention Committee. The President has, in addition, visited the chapter in Chicago. How many thousand miles we have travelled, in sleet and snow and rain, through ice and slush, in daylight and darkness, no one can say. How many times we have seen your president rise to address a group of anywhere from five to two hundred men with every ounce of energy and persuasion he possesses—after a long, hard drive, and with another one, with no sleep, ahead of him, we have lost all count.

And all these men have jobs. Not one of them with the exception of the Secretary, gets a penny for this Herculean work. And even he, like all the others, pays his own expenses. And even he also has a job which has to be done when he gets back. It is this job, getting out this magazine, answering hundreds of letters, arranging and filing the hundreds of new members. Yes, brothers, we have worked, but if the YD Veterans Association becomes the organization we are striving to make it, we will be repaid in full.

How successful have we been? Successful enough to get through the year and pay the bills without begging. Successful enough to boast the greatest membership ever. Successful enough to feel that the YD means more to more men in more places than it did a year ago.

But further than that, we feel with a certainty that this Spring and Summer will bear the fruits of this Winter's sowing. YD Chapters now dot the New England landscape. New ones are just ready to spring into being in a score of places. Each has been imbued with the fire and spirit of a real leader, sees that it fills a real place in the life of today above and beyond simply a place to swap stories of old times, that it can have an object and a purpose in the life of its community in mutul helpfulness among its members and in the citizenship and Americanism of its townspeople.

Since last Convention chapters have been organized in the following places: Willimantic, Conn.; New Bedford, Mass.; Plymouth, Mass.; Lowell, Mass.; New York City; Salem, Mass.; Clinton, Mass. The following places are on the books for March and April: Torrington, Conn.; Webster, Athol, Fitchburg, Milford, Beverly, Lawrence, Attleboro and Taunton, Mass.

But what's happening in the rest of New England, outside of Connecticut and Massachusetts, you say? All we can say is: we've been there—to Portland, and Manchester and Nashua and Rutland, and we'll see what we shall see. Three or four men can't go to EVERY town in New England and *drag* YD men by the hair of their head to a meeting and *make* 'em sign on the line. The day is coming—is already here in fact—when they are *asking* how to form a Chapter, to come and give 'em a hand.

The Convention in Worcester the last week-end in June will unquestionably see the greatest outpouring of YD men since 1921; and we can confidently predict that it will also see the culmination of the greatest year the organization has ever had.

AMERICANISM BULLETIN

By Royal K. Hayes (M)

Director of Americanism, Y.D.V.A.

General Statement

Europe and Asia appear to be speeding plans for the next World War. Wise is the nation that learns to profit by its own mistakes in history. To argue with a fanatic or an ingnoramus is a waste of time and energy. The first World War failed to make the world safe for democracy. Europe and Asia are crushed under the iron heels of communism and fascism. In the near future overseas nations will put on their dance of death and goose step into a long dark age. Old world jealousies are burning at white heat. The fires of hate are being fanned by vicious propaganda. Secret treaties and backstage intrigues plus the insane ambitions of power drunk dictators will plunge Europe and Asia into another World War.

Neutrality

Citizens of the United States must resolve to mind their own business and practice the ideals of democracy. Today in the United States we hear much silly speculation from the loud mouths of empty heads, about the definite stands in public life that would be taken by Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and the great of the past were they alive today. Such foolish ranting proves nothing except that it insults human intelligence. But one thing we know in the light of historical evidence is the fact that the founders of American democracy went on record as strongly opposed to all foreign entanglements and overseas alliances.

Let us resolve to meet all nations in the spirit of friendship, providing that the cards are cut face up on the table. American citizens are through playing with loaded dice thrown by European parlor trick artists who call themselves diplomats. We have bought too many blind pigs in worm-eaten bags and we have paid too high a price for jumping rabbits from the hats of the war lords of Europe. The duty of every American citizen is to preach, teach and practice a one hundred percent Americanism.

Pacifists and Propagandists

The trouble with many professional pacifists is that they cannot practice what they preach in a practical and hard-boiled world. Many ardent pacifists who would outlaw war and limit all armaments are not even on speaking terms with members of their own family. Unfortunately man is a pugnacious creature, born with peculiar major psychological drives, that keep him forever bound on mother earth by human weaknesses and limitations. There is no logical reason for accepting the arguments of those misguided persons who advocate disarmament. Human nature first must change before the curtain finally falls on the battlefields of a selfish world.

The doctor looks for symptoms before making an intelligent diagnosis. The scientist works patiently in his laboratory and rules out that which cannot stand the final test. The lawyer seeks for facts and evidence. The student of history in his thinking is largely governed by the past performances of the human race. He carefully checks social and economic trends in the light of peculiar psychological set-ups in contemporaneous society.

Intellectual honesty makes it impossible for serious thinking men and women to accept the arguments of professional pacifists and communists who bore from within peace movements. We only wish that the dreams of honest but misguided idealists could come true in our sick world. No sane person loves war. War is a waste of materials, wealth and manpower. War can destroy a nation and wipe out civilization.

We live in a world that is far from being the best of all possible worlds. War is one of the tragedies of Western Civilization. But so is disease of body and mind. Every year in the United States around 36,000 men, women and children are killed in automobile accidents. Nearly a million casualties take place every year in the United States on public highways. Crime is a serious problem and the results of crime stagger us when we read recent statistics. But after a visit to the New York Night Court no sane person would advocate the scrapping of all police protection in the nation. Adequate national defense means protection for American homes and lives. We who love peace and we who enjoy the privilege of cultivating our own garden, demand national security and protection, as we practice the greatest of all arts—the art of minding our own business as free people in a free country.

SUPPLY CO., 102nd FIELD ARTILLERY

Matthew Moore, who came to the Company as a replacement, is now a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Coatesville, Penna. He has taken the trouble to write to Yankee Doings, asking that some of his old friends in Supply Company drop him a line. Will you do it? Right now, today?

Moore received several copies of Yankee Doings and was so interested in them he showed them to a Dr. Pierce, from Northampton, Mass., and a nurse whose husband was a non-commissioned officer in the 102nd Infantry.

PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

The seeds sown here and there seem about to take root. Reports are most promising. Hitherto dormant sectors are at last YD-conscious. I am sure we will attain our goal of 50 chapters by convention time. Just a little more effort in pulling the loose ends together and we can be assured of success.

Most of the enthusiasm is in Connecticut and Massachusetts but New Hampshire, too, seems to be snapping into line. We have Les Wilson's (M) pledge that Vermont will not be found lacking and while we have heard nothing recently from Col. BARKER (M) or BIRD KEACH (M) we are assuming they are helping DOC DEVINE (M) in Rhode Island.

During January your president visited one of our outpost chapters—the Chicago YD Club. And what a splendid aggregation of YD men there are in that organization! We were wined and dined to the Queen's taste and left the "Windy City" with the feeling that the Chicago boys possessed to the Nth degree that intangible something we know as the Spirit of YD. TOM SHEPPARD (M) and WALT CROWELL (M) met us at the train and at noon we lunched with them and others of the crew. Dinner in the evening at the Illinois A. C. was followed by a bang-up get-together. ALLEN USHER's (M) stories would alone have made the trip worth while. Pictures showing the YD at play on the occasion of their picnic were a treat. Nine of those present at the meeting signified their intention of attending the Worcester convention.

During the afternoon we were taken to the Edward F. Hines, Jr. Memorial Hospital at Maywood, the Veterans Facility for that district. Col. Hugh Scott, the director, sent for "Cooky" DRISCOLL of his staff and we were escorted by Driscoll on a tour of the wards. We found a half dozen YD men there and stopped for a word with each. Subsequently we addressed the entire group of 1,834 patients over the hospital radio. OSCAR STALEY (M), formerly of the 102nd Infantry and the 214th M. P. Company, has been there three years. He needed evidence to help him connect up his condition with his service. Since our return we believe we have supplied Staley with the name of the officer who can give the required testimony. We hope so.

Costas Mellas, ambassador without portfolio at Hines for the YD, personally conducted us to the wards of the YD boys. Costas is heading the movement to erect on the Hines grounds grounds a memorial to George Dilboy, illustrious son of YD and one of the two YD men to receive Medals of Honor during the World War.

At Harrisburg, Pa., we sat in at the Legion's midwinter roundup of members. We addressed the Legion's state employment committee, being introduced as President of the YDVA rather than in our official governmental capacity.

On January 5th your president accompanied a group of former members of the old 102nd Medical Detachment to the home of Mrs. J. George Hugo, widow of the outfit's wartime commander. A memorial scroll was presented Mrs. Hugo by the delegation. ROBERT REYBURN (M), president, RAY BUSH (M) and RAYMOND V. KENNEY (M) were in charge.

On January 9th we attended the New Haven Chapter's German Night; January 10, organized a committee to pay tribute to General Jim Haggerty on February 29th at the Hotel Taft, New Haven, in recognition of Jim's completion of 35 years active service in the National Guard; January 11, attended and spoke at dinner to National Chief of Staff Domenic Onofrio, of the D.A.V.; Jan. 12, meeting of Connecticut State Department, YDVA.

Our annual visit to the Bridgeport Chapter, on January 22, resulted in a swell dinner meeting at the Yellow Mill Tavern in that city. GEORGE WATT (M), the president, presided; and brief reminiscent speeches were made by about everybody present. In requesting the usual tribute of silence for our soldier dead, President Watt suggested that the late King George V of England be included—a mighty fitting gesture. The high light of the affair was Major CHARLES SPRAGUE (M) doing a handstand for the press photographer. (And doggone if the paper didn't print it.)

On January 25th we made our annual visit to the Springfield Chapter. Those boys seem to have ironed out their troubles and will be heard from in future. The dinner was held at the Hotel Charles and delegations from New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport, Waterbury, Worcester and Holyoke Chapters helped swell the attendance. There were plenty of good things to eat, corking entertainment and an abundance of good fellowship. Worcester's "Flying Squadron", headed by Clyde, Joe, Ted, and Dan preached the Convention gospel. Rev. Father GEO. S. L. CONNOR (M), past national chaplain, acted as toastmaster.

Other visits to YD Chapters which we have made up to the time this issue goes to press, the goings-on at each of which is described in its proper place, include:

January 28, Holyoke, Mass.; January 30, Nashua, N. H.; February 8, Hartford, Conn.; February 9, Monthly Meeting Department of Conn. at Norwalk; February 10, New York City; February 11, Washington, D. C.; February 12, New Haven "Italina Night"; February 14, Valley Chapter, Dance at Bea-

con Falls, Conn.; February 17, Radio address on Station W-1-XBI; February 18, Manchester, Conn.; February 20, Lowell, Mass.; February 25, Portland, Me.; February 29, New Haven, Testimonial Dinner to General HAGGERTY (M).

Other events which have taken place, in addition to the regular meetings of the Chapters, and which we have been unable to squeeze into our personal schedule, include February 2, Washington, D. C., Dedication of Tablet at General EDWARDS's grave in Arlington Cemetery; February 6, organization meeting at Clinton, Mass.; February 6, Installation of Officers, Salem, Mass.; February 26, organization meeting at Webster, Mass.

Definitely on the books for March are: March 5, organization meeting in Attleboro, Mass.; March 25, organization meeting at Lawrence, Mass.

All is well with the world, my comrades, improved business conditions, the bonus as good as paid, and YD definitely and enthusiastically back on the map.

—L.J.M. (M)
National President

TABLET DEDICATED AT GENERAL EDWARD'S GRAVE

On Sunday afternoon, February 2, an impressive ceremony was held at the grave of the late General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS in Arlington National Cemetery, upon the occasion of the unveiling of a footstone marking his resting place, bearing his name, rank, and the YD insignia, designed and placed by the Massachusetts Chapter, American War Mothers.

Gen. Edwards' grave lies on a hillside that slopes gently toward the Potomac a short distance away. A beautiful scene in the distance and a view of the National Capitol in the background with the tall shaft of Washington Monument rising from the elipse. To the left is the magnificent Lincoln Memorial fronted by the beautiful reflecting pool and surrounded by superb parks, drives and monumental bridges.

With JOSEPH JORDAN (M) and PAUL RHODES (M) of the Washington Chapter YD Veterans Association, bearing the National colors of the Y.D.V.A.; Clarence R. Edwards Post, V.F.W.; a delegation from both houses of Congress, and many friends of General Edwards in attendance, lending importance and dignity to the occasion, the program opened at 2:30 P.M. with a selection by the United States Army Band, Captain Thomas F. Darcy conducting. Chaplain Edwin Burling, U. S. Army, offered invocation.

Following further selections by the band, the ceremony of unveiling was performed by Mrs. Corabelle G. Francis, National Historian of the American War Mothers, who, in making the address of presentation, spoke as follows:

"It was February 14th, 1931, that our gallant leader, Major General Clarence R. Edwards, one of the best loved Division Commanders in the World War, passed on. The one day on which the body lay under the dome of our Massachusetts State Capitol, more sincere mourners passed by than had ever paid such tribute.

"On Monday, February 16th, the caisson, bearing the remains of our beloved friend, entered Arlington National Cemetery, proceeding down "the long, long trail a'winding", to be borne at last by some of "His Boys" to this sacred spot, and laid to rest with impressive military rites: here where lies the wife and daughter, reuniting this devoted family.

"Mrs. Edwards had been a member of our "American War Mothers", and in her memory a tree was planted by them on Boston Common, Arbor Day, April 25th, 1931. So it seems a fitting tribute, that the Massachusetts Chapter, *American War Mothers,* should place this tablet at the *unmarked* grave of the "Daddy" of the boys of the 26th Division, as he was affectionately called, and dedicate it to his memory.

"There may be a larger, more impressive monument erected here, but it cannot express greater loving, kindly emotion, than does this tribute of *a friend,* and Mothers without number, whom it is my privilege and honor to represent on this occasion as we join hands in heart and voice with the Yankee Division, whom we wish to receive from us this gift in the spirit in which it has been provided."

The tablet was accepted, in the name of the Yankee Division, by PAUL L. HUTCHINS (M), President of the Washington Chapter, YD Veterans Association, in a brief and appropriate address.

A glowing eulogy of the life and achievements of General EDWARDS was delivered by his friend of many years, Major General GEORGE S. SIMONDS (M), Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S.A., a member of Washington Chapter, who was General EDWARDS' right-hand man in the hectic days of preparation for sailing overseas in 1917.

Beautiful wreaths were placed by Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson, very close friends of General and Mrs. Edwards. A floral tribute was also sent by Gen. and Mrs. Jefferson Randolph Kean, and placed on the General's grave. Mrs. Kean was in attendance. Gen. Kean was associated with General Edwards in Boston. A spray of pink carnations was placed on Mrs. Edwards' grave and a spray of pink roses placed on the grave of Bessie Edwards, their daughter, by

the Ex-service Men's League of Boston, which was organized by Mrs. Edwards. A floral wreath from the Chicago Chapter was placed by FRANK FOLEY (M) of that chapter who was in this city at that time. RAYMOND QUEENIN (M) represented the Department of Connecticut YDVA in laying the beautiful spray of red carnations furnished by that organization. JOHN CASWELL (M), 1st Vice-President acting for the YD Club of Washington placed a floral offering of red roses. Representing the Maj. Gen. Clarence E. Edwards Post No. 2135 V.F.W. Commander EDGAR R. BAKER placed a beautiful wreath of yellow roses.

Benediction was pronounced by Chaplain Burling, and taps blown by Sergeant Witchey from Fort Myers, who sounded taps at the burial ceremonies in 1931.

Approximately 200 people attended the ceremonies, a large percentage being former soldiers of the Yankee Division who had served under General Edwards. The YD Club of Chicago was represented by FRANK FOLEY (M).

Among the distinguished persons present, in addition to those already mentioned were: Cong. Isabella Greenway of Arizona, widow of Col. JOHN C. GREENWAY, formerly of the 101st Engineers and 101st Infantry; Senator Marcus Coolidge of Massachusetts and Mrs. Coolidge; Senator Gibson of Vermont; Senator Maloney of Connecticut; Congressmen CONNERY, Rogers, Martin, and McCormick of Massachusetts; Hamlin of Maine; Plumley of Vermont; Koppelman of Connecticut; O'Neal of Kentucky; Mrs. Brewster of Maine; Mrs. Larz Anderson; Mrs. Randolph Kean.

A lion's share of the credit for the placing of the tablet must go to Mrs. Corabelle G. Francis of Newton, Mass.; National Historian of the American War Mothers, who, through months of tireless efforts, including several trips to Washington, persuaded the cemetery authorities to permit the placing of the stone, authorized its design by Mr. Blockson of Boston, and raised the funds within her own organization.

The ceremony was under direction of PAUL HUTCHINS (M), President of the YD Club of Washington. Also present were Mrs. Carlton J. Latham, National Corresponding Secretary of the American War Mothers who represented the National President of that Organization, Mrs. Boone, and Mrs. Nicholas Norman Nock of the American War Mothers and one of the organizers of the Gold Star Mothers. There were 31 members and associate members of the YD Club of Washington present at this service accompanied by their wives and other members of their families. As if in appreciation of the occasion the sun broke through the clouds to lend its warmth to an otherwise chill day. After a week of near zero weather, a beautiful warm day was deeply appreciated.

The YD Club of Washington officers and members wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation of the aid and cooperation of the following:

The American War Mothers and those officers and members present who made this occasion possible; The officers and men of the U. S. Army Band who rendered in an able manner the music so dear to our beloved commander, and in particular to Capt. Thomas F. Darcy, whose courtesy and willing cooperation aided in the success of the ceremonies; The department of Connecticut Y.D.V.A., Edwards Post V.F.W., Chicago Chapter Y.D.V.A. for their beautiful floral offerings and the YD Club of Boston for the use of their colors; Sgt. Withcey and the color guards of Fort Myer, Chaplain Burling, the Superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery, Col. Charles G. Mortimer for his assistance, and to all who in any manner gave of their services.

ORDER OF CEREMONIES

1. U. S. Army Band, Capt. Thomas F. Darcy, Leader, Onward Christian Soldiers.
2. Invocation, Maj. Edwin Burling, Chaplain, U.S.A.
3. U. S. Army Band—The Rose of No Man's Land.
4. Unveiling of Footstone, Mrs. Corabelle G. Francis, National Historian, American War Mothers.
5. Acceptance of Footstone, Paul L. Hutchins, President YD Club of Washington.
6. U. S. Army Band—Dear Old Pal.
7. Address — Maj. Gen. George S. Simonds, Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S.A.
8. U. S. Army Band—Nearer My God To Thee.
9. Benediction—Chaplain Burling.
10. Taps—Sgt. Witchey, Bugler, U.S.A.

—LEVI W. ST. PETER (M)

OUTPOST CHAPTER LOSES ITS POWER PLANT

For many a long month and year, somewhere hidden in the pages of YANKEE DOINGS, has been a line or two from "LEON F. DENIS (M), Schofield Barracks, Terr. of Hawaii." More than any other man he has kept YD alive out in mid-Pacific, and can carry down to his grave the knowledge that he ran the world's only 100% attended convention, when last year, the five YD men in Hawaii, got together during the Department Convention of the American Legion.

Denis has come back to the old U.S.A. (i.e. "continental" U.S.A.), for keeps. He arrived at San Francisco, Feb. 10, and was discharged on the 20th. After a visit to the California Chapter, he intends to locate in El Paso, Texas, and now DOINGS puts it up to PAT CASSIDY (M) to step into his shoes and send us a little news now and then from our furthest outpost.

BETTER GO INTO TRAINING RIGHT NOW FOR THAT WORCESTER CONVENTION

Here you are, the answer to your question of who is doing what for the Convention. Honorary Chairman, Mayor Walter J. Cookson; General Chairman, Joseph H. Gauthier; Secretary, Edwin J. Noyes; Treasurer, Raymond G. Mansfield; Auditor, William F. Murphy; Vice-Chairmen, Clyde O. Elliott, Daniel A. Jones, Thomas H. McCarthy, Austin L. Kennedy; Honorary Vice-Chairmen, Ex-Mayor John C. Mahoney, Chief Thomas F. Foley, Eugene A. Sisson, Dr. Homer Gage, Dr. Joseph W. O'Connor, Chief Charles L. McCarthy; Concessions, Austin L. Kennedy; Clambake and Athletics, George W. Jones; Decorations, Charles D. Webster; Drum Corps Contest, J. Emmett Ryan; Pre-Reunion Finance, Robert S. Twiss; First Aid, Dr. Oscar A. Dudley; Housing, Walter Kanz; Liaison, John J. Brosnihan; Memorial, Rev. Willard S. Smith; Ball, Daniel A. Jones; Poster and Dramatics, Charles P. Rugg; Parades, Brig.-Gen. William I. Rose; Program, Raymond J. Rosseel; Registration, Samuel S. Spencer; Reunions—Banquets, Fred A. Jones; Transportation, Southworth Lancaster; Distinguished Guests, Slater Washburn; Fireworks, Alphonse L. Rand; Entertainment, Felix L. Liberty; Citizens, Roscoe H. Goddard.

Look it over and you'll find the greatest array of sincere workers that has ever tackled any gathering of YD men anywhere. Most of 'em are privates, but there are a few Lieutenants. One is a Major General and another is a Brigadier General. (One is the greatest obstetrician in the East—that ought to mean something including proof that we-ve tried to take care of anything that might arise).

These chaps are planning their first Convention activity for noon, June 26, 1936. The last official convention party will be at 6:00 on June 28, we hope. Tap each night at 3:00 A.M.; Reveille at 3:01!

Three parades—a monster lobster and clambake—a military ball (we guarantee the orchestra won't play "It goes round and round")—reunions—banquets—carnivals—military maneuvers—aviation displays—road races—horse races—bicycle races—free shows.

These are just a *few* of the things already lined up and you cannot take part or witness a single one unless you are Registered. So do it now and help us—$1.50 is the fee to June 1st and $2 after that. You can save 25 percent and give us a tremendous lift if you'll let us know you're coming, right away.

The adjutant of your local YD, A.L. or V.F.W. post has an application blank, or send direct to SAM SPENCER (M), YD HDQS., or 144 FOSTER STREET, Worcester.

May I bring my wife to the Convention? How much to have her register, too?

The answer, Comrade, is Yes and she can Register for the same fee as you can yourself.

But PLEASE, it must be *your* wife, and only one to a man.

The women folks are going to find a swell program arranged for them. A committee is whipping it into shape right now. All we can find out from that sub-committee is that it's going to be a great program and a surprise; something that won't be forgotten for years.

So if you want to bring the little woman, just make out a check or a money order for $3 ($1.50 for yourself and $1.50 for the missus; it'll cost you $4 for the two after June 1) and mail it, with a filled-in Registration Application to Sam Spencer, YD Convention Registration, Hotel Bancroft, Worcester.

If you can, PLEASE Register Now. It will help up a lot.

If you've got any heirs, bring 'em along—No Charge. A special program for them, too. Here's a chance to show your old Buddies what a man you are, (or are you?)

Things are shaping up swell.

Col. EDGAR C. ERICKSON (M), C. O. 181st Infantry, has been named Chief of Staff by Adjt. Gen. WILLIAM I. ROSE, and Erickson has placed his entire staff to work on the parade, as a divisional problem. Good practice for the staff and great for us.

In addition we have registrations, according to recap, from Worcester, Hartford, Nashua, Boston, New Bedford, Springfield, Brookline, New Haven, New York City, Holyoke, Dorchester, Noroton Heights, Washington, Norwalk, Millerton, N. Y., Framingham, Watertown, North Dartmouth, Newton Center, Bridgeport, Wethersfield, Conn., East Hartford, West Hartford, Stamford, North Stamford, South Norwalk, East Norwalk, Middletown, Stepney Depot, Conn., Windsor, Danbury, Waterbury, Long Island City and Woodsville, N. H.

Massachusetts	64
Connecticut	31
New Hampshire	7
New York	6
Washington	2
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And getting queries from all over the U.S.

Has every Chapter organized its own Convention Committee? Time is getting short; take it up at your next meeting; arrange to go to Worcester as a Chapter, bunk together as a Chapter, march as a Chapter.

And how about a uniform? Last year at New Haven, the idea of each chapter in a distinctive uniform was tried out for the first time; and how it added to the color and zip of the Big Parade! It doesn't have to be a "tailor-made," or anything elaborate or expensive; just something so that all will look alike in each group; such as shirts and ties of a uniform color, dark or light trousers, an arm band or a band across the chest with the name of the chapter. Remember Bridgeport in the dark blue shirts and lemon yellow ties? Snappy, eh? Incidentally, the whole 16 Connecticut chapters (there may be more by Convention time) will appear in the state uniform recently adopted by the state department, but will be further identified as chapters by suitable markings. And New Bedford: they were miles ahead of any of the rest of us, even before they became a chartered Chapter, with their bright blue uniforms.

Chicago has promised ten to a dozen men in Worcester; far-away Los Angeles says she'll beat that figure! Apparently *everybody* in the Washington Chapter is coming. What excuse has anybody whose home town is right here in New England?

If you want to get the VERY BEST TIME that can be got out of a Convention, make some advance plans of your own; where you're going to billet, how you're going to travel, what sort of a reunion you're going to have. Appoint a Convention Committee for your own Chapter right now, to-day.

—Joe Gauthier (M)
Gen. Chm.

MEMORIAL TO GEORGE DILBOY, M. H.

At its meeting in Middletown, Conn., on January 12, the National Executive Committee of the YD Veterans Association adopted a resolution endorsing the plans and aims of the George Dilboy Memorial Foundation to erect a memorial statue to this outstanding World War hero, at the Veterans Hospital at Hines, Ill. Chicago Chapter, Y.D.V.A., had previously adopted a similar resolution.

The movement had its origin among ex-service men of Greek-American abstraction and was actively started by Costos Mellas, a disabled veteran who is service officer at Hines Hospital, ably assisted by Colonel Hugh Scott, Director of the hospital. Mr. C. E. Cross, of the First National Bank of Chicago, is Treasurer of the Foundation, and all contributions should be sent to him.

The larger objectives of the Foundation, as set forth in its prospectus, are to "serve the moral, social and patriotic interests of all American citizens; to promote a more friendly relationship between all classes; to protect the youth of our nation against un-American propaganda by inculcating patriotic ideals and instilling appreciation and reverence of American institutions in their minds."

Its immediate objective is the erection of the statue of Dilboy in George Dilboy Plaza, Hines, Ill.; as an example of the highest type of Americanism. To quote words of General Edwards: "I know of no more outstanding hero in the whole war than the Greek-American lad, George Dilboy. Whenever I am called upon to define the term Americanism, I unhesitatingly point to the simple life story of that brave youth, George Dilboy."

Dilboy was born in Asia Minor on February 5, 1896. As a boy, he came to America with his parents who settled in Keene, N. H. During the World War, he served as a private in H Company, 103rd Infantry; was killed in action near Belleau, on July 18, 1918.

The Congress of the United States, in posthumously awarding him the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award, cited his heroism in the following words:

> Dilboy, George, Private.
>
> Deceased. Company H, 103d Infantry. For gallantry and intrepidity in action above and beyond the call of duty near Belleau, France, July 18, 1918. After his platoon had gained its objective along a railroad embankment, Private Dilboy, accompanying his platoon leader to reconnoiter the ground beyond, was suddenly fired upon by an enemy machine gun from one hundred yards. From a standing position on the railroad track, fully exposed to view, he opened fire at once, but, failing to silence the gun, rushed forward with his bayonet fixed, through a wheat field toward the gun emplacement, falling within twenty-five yards of the gun with his right leg nearly severed and with several bullet holes in his body. With courage undaunted he continued to fire into the emplacement from a prone position, killing two of the enemy, and dispersing the rest of the crew.

The project to erect a memorial to his memory has been endorsed by nearly every Greek-American society in the United States; the National Departments of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and United Spanish War Veterans.

ANYONE KNOW WHERE THIS CHAP IS?

Mrs. J. Nathaniel Steed, affectionately known to troupers of the famous "YD Show" in the days of the war as "Mother Steed," is most anxious to locate Jonathan Smith, one of the stars of the show. If found, notify Mrs. Steed, at R.F.D. No. 1, Falls Church, Va.

THE RHYMESTER'S RENDEZVOUS

Sit closer, friends, around the board
Death grants us yet a little time
Now let the cheering cup be poured
And welcome song and jest and rhyme.
Enjoy the gifts that fortune sends,
Sit closer, friends!

LITTLE BILL

by J. E. C.

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A hard-boiled pill was Little Bill,
A buck, in the old Wydee.
He led the league at bunk fatigue,
And in ribald revelry.
Bill loved a scrap . . . was a whiz at crap—
Just a tres bon soldier-man,
Though his bosom pals, both the Frog vin gals,
Kept him constant in the can.

But the boy had nerve! 'Twas at Dead Man's Curve
One night. There was hell to pay
When the boche cut loose, and a big caboose
Slammed down in the right of way.
When that G. I. can hit the turf—Oh! Man!
But the air was full of steel
As each whizzing chunk of German junk
Zinged by with a hellish squeal!
Fritz filled that road with a sizzling load

That ripped and slashed and tore!
Each iron pill screamed a whistle shrill,
Ere it burst with a sullen roar.
God! How the wounded cried for help, denied
In that smoking pit of flame . . .
Where each choking breath meant a date with death,
As the hissing gas shells came!

But Bill . . . the MAN . . . slipped his pack, then ran,
Not out, but IN! . . . Alone!
He dared to face death's chill embrace
Unbidden, and unknown.
Bill found me sprawled in the hole I'd crawled
When a splinter laid me low,
And he brought me through. So, I'm telling you,
With a blesse's badge to show.

Though the guerre may be but a memory,
Bound to fade, as memories will;
If you guys should meet, let me know "toot sweet"!
I still owe THAT Little Bill!

CHALLENGE OF THE TRAIL

By HARRY W. BUGBEE (M)

Oh! The trails where men are trekking
They will lure me till I die;
Where danger's voice is calling
With accents clear and high;

Where the wild, free stars are beck'ning,
And the trail is all unknown;
And a man shall not want for solace
Though he blaze the trail alone.

Some crave for wine and women,
And some have gone mad for gold;
But I will have winds to cheer me
And let treasure rot in the mold.

For I want nothing tarnished
By the greedy thumb of the world!
Far better a camp in the desert
With Truth's brave flag unfurled.

Far sweeter a loser's journey
With death at the end of the trail,
Than pleasures without a meaning
And riches with sloth gone stale.

Then ho, for the trail's wild challenge,
And the life that is hard and free;
I am glutted with talk and with glamour;
The wilderness beckons me!

Highgate, Vermont

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO CORP. HOMER WHEATON, D.S.C.

On the evening of February 25, the Emmet Guards of Worcester, (G Co., 101st Infantry) held a memorial service in the Worcester Municipal Auditorium of Corp. HOMER WHEATON, the first Worcester soldier killed in the World War.

Brig. Gen. THOMAS F. FOLEY, commander of Emmets when they went to France, told the story of Wheaton's death and presented a portrait of him to the company. It was accepted by Capt. Patrick F. Ahern.

Other speakers were Congressman WM. P. CONNERY of Lynn, Adjt. Gen. WILLIAM I. ROSE and Dr. John P. Cooper of North Attleboro. The program also included singing by Mrs. J. Frederick Donnelly and Michael J. Leahy and benediction by Rev. Frederick H. Danker.

ACTIVITIES OF AN AMERICANIZATION OFFICER

Among the addresses on Americanism delivered in the past few weeks by ROYAL K. HAYES (M) Y.D.V.A. Director of Americanism, have been: Lowell Post 87, American Legion; State Reformatory, Concord, Mass.; Holy Name Society, Lowell; D.A.R. Dining Club, Attleboro; Manchester Chapter, Y.D.V.A.; Writers Workshop; Nurse's Staff, Mass. General Hospital; and as many other of which DOINGS has only meagre notes.

Not only one of the most active workers, but far and away the best publicity getter in the YD today is its Americanization officer; who never fails to register with at least a column in the press of each city and town where he speaks.

"SHORTS"

On Monday, January 20, CHARLES CARVER (101st Inf.) was elected selectman in Middleboro, Mass. Charlie is Past Commander of both the Legion Post and V.F.W. Post in Middleboro.

As of February 19, RAYMOND C. FROST (M) of New Britain, Commander, Department of Conn., V.F.W., was ill with scarlet fever. The quarantine sign was placed on his door by health inspector DEWEY O. SELANDER (M), who is Frost's chief of staff of the V.F.W.

A clipping from a Lynn (Mass.) paper records that a certain CLIFTON BLOOMFIELD of Hollis, N. H., alleging himself to be a YD man, was held in $1,500.00 bail for larceny from the proprietor of a West Lynn store. Bloomfield's act was the "quick change game", asking for change for a large bill, then when the change was partly made, finding a smaller one, and attempting to confuse the storekeeper into both giving him the change and the large bill back again. Records at headquarters, Y.D.V.A., do not disclose any record of a man bearing this name in the division.

An interesting sidelight on where Col. JOHN HENRY PARKER (M) conceived his now famous idea of indirect machine gun fire was revealed by the Colonel himself in a dinner table chat at Springfield. It seems that Col. Parker has descended from a line of soldier men dating way back to the Battle of Hastings in 1066, A.D. On that historic occasion, the particular Parker extant at the time was Captain of Archers in William the Conqueror's forces (or was he on the other side?). Anyhow his order to his bow-men was "Aim High".

DAN DOWD (M) of Woodstock, Vermont, oldest living veteran of the Yankee Division, says he's glad the bonus went through, but warns the boys not to be in too much of a rush to spend it all.

Among those present at the Annual Military Ball of the YD Club of Boston last December were State Auditor Thomas H. Buckley and Deputy Auditor John H. Harrington.

JOSEPH LANDRY (F Batt., 102nd Field Artillery) is at Rutland Hospital.

WILFRED S. ALEXANDER, formerly Captain of I Co., 103rd Infantry, was recently appointed Federal Alcohol Administrator. (We could have used a fella like that during the dry years to administer a little now and then!)

HARRY H. GRAVES (M) (104th Inf.) of Athol, Mass., has blossomed forth as a full-fledged editor, Volume I, Number 1, of the "Athol Sentinel" appearing on DOINGS' desk. It is a weekly newspaper, and has all the earmarks of a real professional job. DOINGS send kindest felicitations and hopes for a long life and a prosperous one.

PRIZE FOR FISHERMAN

I think it was the Bard of Avon who said, "There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at its flood leads on to fortune." And as the tide of yarns in the Fish Story Contest in DOINGS has apparently reached its flood, I in behalf of the Izaak Waltons of the Y.D.V.A. in Connecticut think it just and fitting that a medal or decoration be awarded to Sgt. GEORGE "CATPIE" GILLESPIE (M) for his piscatorial feat of catching several hundred horn-pout by the medium of casting grenades in the Meuse one drab Friday in November, 1917, at Reberville, and thereby saving the MILK BATTALION of the 101st Inf. from starvation.

I suggest that the decoration herewith be awarded Catpie at next YD Smoker with fitting ceremonies in the French manner by a member of the French Consulate in Boston. He then will become a member in good standing in the "Order of Good Nut-Meggers".

We in Connecticut honor our sportsmen and soldiers as evidenced at the memorable YD Reunion in our State last June. Unlike the Bay State who now absolves that valiant soldier, Roger Williams, from charges of A.W.O.L. that occured 300 years ago.

I once met Sgt. GILLESPIE (M), glorified in the pages of DOINGS, but under unpropitious circumstances. He and Sgt. MCPHEE from his company were policing the Route National near Menil-La-Tour under the eagle eye of an M.P. (an Engineer no doubt). Seems that Gillespie had torn and scattered for a kilometer, rejected and returned billet-doux from unfaithful French dames in St. Nazaire, Reberville, Neufchateau and points along the route of march. What a story MIKE MOONEY (M) could write on this episode in the Great Lover's life.

In conclusion I suggest that Comrades MUSKER (M), HOLDEN (M), ANDERSON (M), BOGLE (M) and MOONEY (M) be given honorable mention in the Fish Story Story Contest.

Yours in comradeship,

—BARNEY T. CLARKE (LM)

ATTENTION! THOSE WHO STILL OWE FOR LAST YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CARDS

Dear Comrade, Buddy, or what did the members decide on as to the title of a member?

Anyway, please forgive me and pardon my southern accent as I originally came from the south, that is, South Boston, but that matter of the money for the Christmas cards slipped my old mind in the rush of the holiday season and I'm very glad to have been reminded of it, so here's one frogskin or whatever it is termed in your fair city to clear the business up.

Enjoyed your letter with its little touches of irony in it and friend wife told me that it wasn't strong enough, that you should have given a royal blast instead of kidding the boys. There was no chance for a snappy come-back delivered in the usual Y.D. style as she was 100% right. (It seems that we always, as members of the old outfit, can deliver a little bit of the old *swerve*, as it used to be termed at the right time, but in this instance the old soldier could only agree). Now you can thank the "Missus" for making me do a "Company Front" and presenting the one buck.

You were right about all of the boys laying it on the line and helping the treasury out so tell them in good old plain language next time. They won't get peeved as there's no excuse for it. We all know that the club can't run on a lot of pretty speeches and none of the outfit would overlook the matter of a donation now and then, especially when they get a good return for their investment.

—EDWARD A. GORMAN (M)
(I Co., 101st Inf.)

Buffalo, N. Y.

THE AMERICAN COALITION

By vote of the Executive Committee, on December 2, the YD Veterans Association became affiliated with The American Coalition, an "organization of patriotic, civic and fraternal societies", with headquarters in Washington, D. C. RAYMOND J. QUEENIN (M), National V. P. at Large, has been appointed the Association's representative on the Board of Directors. Affiliation was voted upon the proposal of ROYAL K. HAYES (M).

The purposes of the American Coalition, as set forth in its constitution, are:

To enlist the cooperation of patriotic, civic and fraternal organization and to inspire collective and individual action for the following ends:

1. To keep America American.
2. To promote undivided allegiance to the United States.
3. To defend the nation against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and advocate the maintenance of an adequate Army and Navy, and other agencies or measures necessary for the National defense.
4. To expose and combat the political and economic fallacies of socialism and communism.
5. To resist efforts of unassimilated or hyphenated groups to use the Government of the United States for the furtherance of the policies of foreign governments, states, peoples or organizations.
6. To advocate restriction upon immigration into the United States; registration of aliens; deportation of undesirables, and other laws or policies tending to establish racial and political solidarity in the United States.
7. To preserve and maintain the Constitution of the United States, and to oppose amendment thereof by other than constitutional means.
8. IN GENERAL, to promote patriotism; to encourage historical, economic and social research into the origin and development of American institutions; to arouse among our youth a sense of civic and national responsibility, and to disseminate accurate information of an educational character upon all these matters of concern to the nation.

LET'S HEAR YOUR OPINION ON THIS

It has been suggested that the YD Veterans Association adopt a uniform design of stationary for National Headquarters, State Department headquarters, and all Chapters. The name of the department or chapter would naturally appear, and possibly the names of the officers, although that would be difficult as officers change once a year; but the main point would be a certain uniformity of appearance, with probably the name of the Association as the principal line with the name and address of the particular Chapter just below.

There are certain points in favor and some points against the proposal. In favor, in addition to the element of uniformity, would be the fact that National Headquarters could act as a supply depot for stationery for all chapters, supplying it at cost. Against the proposal is the fact that nearly every chapter has at the present time its own distinctive letter-head, often its own distinctive color of paper.

Take it up at your chapter meeting, and let us hear what you think.

TO MAKE MEMORIAL DAY APPROPRIATIONS AVAILABLE TO YD CHAPTERS

A bill filed in the Massachusetts legislature by Representative Michael J. Carroll of Lynn seeks to authorize the approval by cities and towns of the Commonwealth of appropriation of funds on Memorial Day to chapters of the YD Veterans Association, for the decorating of comrade's graves.

At present cities and towns are authorized to disburse these appropriations through certain specified organizations only, the Yankee Division not being included in the list. One hearing has already been held on the bill and another is to be held shortly.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO GENERAL JIM HAGGERTY (M)

Up to time of going to press, no account of the big testimonial dinner to General JIM HAGGERTY (M), held in New Haven on February 29, has come to hand.

NO YD NUMBER PLATES IN MAINE THIS YEAR

Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

Under date of January 22nd I received the following information from the office of the Secretary of State, Augusta, Maine:

"Replying to your communication of the 18th, we would respectfully advise that there will be no "YD" plates for 1936, since there will be no letters on the pleasure car plates." This communication signed by M. Agnes Murphy, Chief Clerk, for Lewis O. Barrows, Secretary of State.

I might advise that since the State of Maine adopted the policy of having their auto plates manufactured at the State Prison for 1936 and will continue this policy, I am going to work on a plan to have the state return to the custom of 1935 and have YD plates manufactured for the use of former YD men. I shall attempt to bring it about by contact with other YD men and have them concentrate their efforts on the Secretary of State to bring this about by his order as done in Connecticut. Failing in this, I shall ask a friend of mine to introduce a bill in Legislature to take effect in 1938.

—EARL C. KNOWLTON (M)
Moose River, Me.
February 8

DUNCAN K. MAJOR MADE BRIGADIER GENERAL

On March 2, the Senate of the United States confirmed the appointment of Col. DUNCAN K. MAJOR, former Chief of Staff of the 26th Division for promotion to the grade of Brigadier General, U.S. Army. This action overrode resolutions of protest formally adopted by the YD Club of Boston (CH) and several other chapters of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, as well as the personal opposition, voiced in letters to members of the Senate by a number of higher officers of the wartime Division. Senators Walsh of Massachusetts, White of Maine, and Bennett Clark of Missouri voted against confirmation.

The widespread opposition among former National Guard officers and enlisted personnel of the Yankee Division was based on Gen. Major's attitude toward citizen soldiers in general, his alleged Prussian methods of discipline, his unfitness to command troops, and his disloyalty toward his Division Commander, General EDWARDS, while serving as his Chief of Staff.

A similar effort, in 1922, to block his promotion to the rank of Colonel, was equally unsuccessful.

AMONG THE DUTIES OF A SECRETARY

The following is printed exactly as it arrived, written in pencil:

Boston
Jan 18-36

Dear Sir and camerad, has a member of the YD. 104 inft I would like to be a member of the american legion I sewrv withe the 104 inft 26 Division, let me know went is the next meeting and how much it is to join.

Ans. Privait (name withheld)
Co G 104 inft 26 Div
18 month

home addresse
(withheld)

ART AND BUGS

There are no heights of ingenuity to which DOINGS longtime illustrator, PHIL PALMSTROM (M), may not rise, especially when at the behest of a YD pal.

A couple fellas up Worcester way, GEORGE ELLIOTT (M) and ROLAND COOK are known jointly as the Ransford Insecticide Co. Their job is to kill bugs; or at least that is the job of ONE of them. (The other, we won't say which, goes around in advance and plants the bugs to be killed — or so we've heard.)

Anyhow, they went to PHIL PALMSTROM (M) first for a letter-head design. And what did he turn out? A piece of stationery in the form of a tombstone, with "R.I.P." at the bottom! This got attention from the start, and was no mean boost for the bug-killers.

Now what has Phil turned out but a bug-powder projector—likewise strongly resembling a gravestone, with a bellows action which sprays the powder. This has proved a knock-out, pictures of it having appeared in numerous trade journals, and requests for information pouring in from all over. Can you beat it?

CARROLL J. SWAN MEMORIAL FUND FOR CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

The Carroll J. Swan Fund was on the air over Station WBZ, Sunday evening, March 1, at 10:30 P.M., for a half-hour program setting forth the dual purpose of the project; namely to perpetuate the name and kindly deeds of Colonel Carroll Swan, and to provide fresh air and clean foods for underprivileged children of Greater Boston.

Chairman RALPH M. EASTMAN (M) stated that the interest from funds already raised assure a two weeks' summer vacation each year for seven or eight children; that the fund is being ably administered by a permanent charity organization; that it will be open at all times in the future for further contributions by those interested in child welfare and those who knew and admired Carroll Swan.

The program was conducted by Lyman Arms, Commander of Crosscup-Pishon Post, American Legion. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr., spoke of the life and works of Col. Swan. Musical selections were rendered by the Glee Club of West Roxbury Post, A. L., and Miss Marie Murray, contralto.

Contributions to the fund may be deducted from Federal Income Tax returns.

MYSTERY UNRAVELLED

In a recent issue, DOINGS asked, under the caption "How Come?", who the four charming young ladies were who were depicted in the American Legion Monthly, wearing YD berets, over the title "Legion Auxiliary Quartette from Keyser, W. Va." And where they got the berets?

We hadn't long to wait for an answer. BEN JAMES (M) states that he, carrying a consignment of YD berets to the Miami Legion Convention, met the quartette, presented each member a beret as a souvenir of the occasion.

Meanwhile LEN MALONEY (M) and HUGH B. SCOTT (M) of Elm Grove, the Y.D.V.A.'s lone West Virginia member, had both contacted the ladies themselves, and received replies, including a picture which DOINGS wishes it had the price to print as it would be the most decorative to adorn these pages in many a day.

It's O.K., gals; keep right on wearing 'em. Don't know where the YD would get a better ad. The spokesman of the quartette is Mrs. John Perry Greenwade, and the group is now recognized as the National Champion Quartette.

IN SUPPORT POSITION

YD AUXILIARY, BOSTON

Mrs. Leonard Snape, Past President, extends her many thanks to Mr. WATTS (LM), Mr. SAULOM (M), and all the YD members of the Club and Auxiliary for their cooperation during her term as President.

At the regular business meeting of the Yankee Division Auxiliary, held Wednesday evening, Jan. 8, the following officers were elected and were Installed by our second Past President, Mrs. Corabelle Francis: Honorary President, "Mother" A. T. Buswell; President, Mrs. Bertha Kenney; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Katherine Curtin; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Ethel Olsen; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lacasse; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary Furey; Treasurer, Mrs. Nonie Nugent; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Annie Travis; Chaplain, Mrs. Charles Randall; Guard, Mrs. Katherine Hanson.

Mrs. Corabelle Francis, Installing Officer, welcomed all the Officers and Installed them into their respective stations in a most gracious and efficient way. The retiring President, Mrs. Leonard Snape, was presented a gold Y.D. Pin set with a diamond, a symbol of her office as President during the year 1935. Mrs. Francis presented said pin in behalf of the Yankee Division Auxiliary. Mrs. Snape thanked the members for their beautiful gift and for their wonderful cooperation during her term of office and wishes to submit the following report of her Welfare Chairman, Mrs. Bertha Kenney, for the year 1935.

Welfare Report Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1935

Food, coal, wood, shoes	$100.30	$100.30
Bedford Hospital		
Cigarettes, tobacco, pipes, candy	$16.00	$16.00
Rutland Hospital		
6 afghans—$25.00 each	$150.00	
Cigarettes	50.25	
Candy & Apples	6.00	
Stamps & Xmas Cards	4.80	
		$211.05
Chelsea Naval Hospital		
Cigarettes, candy, nuts	$3.75	$3.75
Mattapan Hospital		
1 afghan	$25.00	$25.00
Clothing given to Welfare Chairman which was distributed	$65.00	$65.00
Total Cash	$423.10	$423.10

Mr. Buxton and Mr. Carbone of Rutland Hospital received afghans and Mr. Doherty of Mattapan Hospital, for which they were very grateful. The names of the other boys at Rutland I have not at hand but they were very much appreciated by them.

Sewing meeting was held Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the home of Mrs. Allen Smith, Past President.

Regular business meeting was held Wednesday evening, Feb. 12. Beano and refreshments.

April 3—Luncheon Bridge and Whist at Homecraft, 711 Boylston St., Boston. Tickets 35c. Members and their friends are asked to attend.

Deepest sympathy of members of the Yankee Division Auxiliary are extended to former President of the Yankee Division Auxiliary, Mrs. Howard Gale, in the recent loss of her mother, Mrs. Cummings, a Gold Star Mother and a beloved member of our Auxiliary.

Mrs. Bertha Kenney, President of Yankee Division Auxiliary, has appointed Mrs. Mary Kane as Floral Chairman and Mrs. Alicia Fleming as Membership Chairman for 1936.

Mrs. Leonard Snape,
Chairman of Publicity.

YD JUNIOR PARENT ASSOCIATION DUTCH SUPPER

Once again the parents, friends and guests of the YD Junior Champion Bugle Corps could hang the S.R.O sign on the YD Club hall on the evening of Jan. 29. As a well known orchestra fiddled and blew "The Music Goes 'Round and Around" the diners partook of succulent helpings of frankforts, potato salad, kraut, sweet pickles, German bread and rolls, pastry all washed down with hot Java and cool Ballantine ale. It was a feast that would have delighted the most fastidious gourmet and gourmand.

After the diners had appeased appetites whetted by the cold winter air, several vaudeville numbers were rendered, the outstanding hit of the evening was the singing of Miss Williams of Brighton, a former Zeigfield Follies girl, and the humorous monologue of George Nourse (M) on his trip to the Legion convention in St. Louis.

Dancing followed, when the tables had been removed, until midnight. The terpsichorean efforts of Joseph Galligan (M) and Miss Williams were the cynosure of all eyes. As Jim Christie (M) said, "Poetry of motion, superbly executed." Credit for the social and financial success of this Dutch supper is due primarily to Mrs. Merrick, her husband, sister aided by Comrades Marr (M), Christie (M), Vocell (M), Bergin (M), Mooney (M), and Treat. A few more socials of this nature and the YD Juniors will make the trip to the National A. L. Convention in Cleveland next summer. Much credit is due Edward Marr, the caterer, for the luscious supper.

M. J. Mooney (M),
Parents Assoc.

A most enjoyable evening was had by the YD Juniors Parents and friends at the YD Hall the evening of Feb. 11, at the annual installation of officers who will guide the destinies of the juvenile N. E. Champion Bugle and Drum Corps during the season of 1936.

Mrs. Ray, an officer in the V.F.W. Auxiliary of Charlestown served as Conductress during the ceremonies while Mrs. Melville acted as Installing officer. The efficiency of their work won the admiration of all. Among the officers installed:

President, Geo. Vocell (M)
Vice-President, Mrs. Lill Marr
Secretary, John Bergin (M)
Sgt. at Arms, Mrs. Blanche Murphy
Executive Board—J. Ray
Owen Treat
Jim Christie (M)
Geo. Nourse (M)
Dick Merrick (M)

The regular monthly meeting of YD Post No. 290 American Legion was held on Monday evening, Jan. 13, with 33 members prseent, Commander Riley (M) presiding.

Comrade Halfenstine (M) reported that 19 baskets were distributed at Christmas; Jr. V. C. Collins (M) reported that there were now 114 members paid up for 1936.

Sons of the Legion: Comrade Simmons reported that this unit turned out for the D.A.V. at Newton. Also stated that since the last meeting of the Sons, two Beano Parties had been held, and requested better support from the members of the Post.

Suffolk County Council: Comrade Galligan (M) read a lengthy report that was accepted most favorably. He said that YD Post is not among the leaders in the membership drive and that Sinclair, Harris and O'Connor Posts had that honor. At this time Suffolk County has 500 more members than last year. Comrade Galligan read a report of the Crosscup Pishon Post and lauded this Post for the magnificent work performed at Christmas when 850 families were taken care of, that post leading all others in this work.

Comrade Galligan (M) made a motion that a letter of thanks be sent to Congressmen McCormack, Connery, Vinson and Patman for their work on behalf of the veterans. Motion seconded by Comrade Ford and passed.

The Post meeting of Jan. 27 was opened by Commander Riley (M) who, in lieu of Chaplain Davis, offered the Legion prayer and a minute's silence for departed comrades. Preceding the meeting many members attended an illustrated lecture on embalming at Waterman's Undertaking Parlors, the Post receiving 50c for each one who attended.

P. C. Sousa reported that new additions will be made to the Chelsea Naval Hospital where there is a waiting list of 200 patients and that a similar addition will be added to the Bedford Hospital where there are 848 mental cases, 600 that are incurable.

Motion made by Commander RILEY (M) that a penny sale be held in month of Feb. Seconded by P. C. LYNCH and passed.

The regular meeting of YD Post, No. 290 American Legion, was held on Monday evening, Feb. 10th. Commander RILEY (M) presided, 36 members being present.

Membership: Jr. Vice Commander COLLINS reported that the Post now has 129 paid members for the year of 1936. He requested that each member make a personal call on a former member and persuade him to rejoin.

If the large crowd that attended the Post's annual Military Ball Feb. 7th at the Hotel Kenmore the event this year was a financial as well a social success.

For the first time in Legion circles in this State the National Commander, Ray Murphy, with State Commander Walsh attended a local Post Ball. The National Commander received an ovation as he greeted Commander Riley and the members of the YD Post.

N. C. Ray Murphy spoke interestingly on topics concerning the veterans. He was emphatic that a universal service act is a corollary of both national defense and peace. He urged that under the law contemplated by the Legion the profit would be taken out of war, "thereby removing one of the great sources of propaganda for war." Dancing was enjoyed by the large crowd to the strains of Jay Riseman's famous orchestra until one A.M.

M. J. M. (M)

UNIT 290, YD LEGION AUXILIARY

The regular meeting of the Auxiliary was held at the YD Club on February 6th, twenty-two members being present.

Mrs. Catherine Collins realized $24.75 from the bridge and whist party she held at her home on January 18th. Sixty guests were present at the party. The money was turned over to the treasurer.

It was voted to send the child welfare chairman, Mrs. Claire Poulton, to the child welfare meetings held in Worcester, February 21 and 22nd.

Mrs. Ann McGuinness gave a report on her monthly visit to the soldier's hospitals, and Mrs. Catherine Collins gave a report on the last meeting of the Suffolk council.

Miss Adeline Mooney was at the meeting, after a sojourn in the hospital. It was nice to see her back.

Mrs. Ann Sanford fell and badly sprained her ankle, during the icy spell, the last of January. It happened on the front steps of her home. The landlord had neglected to sand the front steps, so Ann doesn't think she should pay her doctor's bill, and neither do we. Good luck, Ann.

Bridge and whist were played after the meeting.

The auxiliary held a covered-dish supper at the home of Mrs. Ruth Tompkins, in Belmont, on February 13th. It was in the form of a valentine party. Thirty-four guests were present. The dishes were donated by the different members. They are all good cooks. Beano was played after the supper. $16.75 was collected by the treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude McLean.

The auxiliary turned out, almost complete, for the Post Ball held at the Hotel Kenmore, on February 7th. (Some of the time, they spent in the ballroom.)

Mrs. RUTH E. TOMPKINS,
Publicity Chairman.

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An undated clipping from a Concord (N. H.) newspaper records the death in that city of ERNEST E. ELLIS. The funeral services were attended by members of Concord Chapter, Y.D.V.A., led by President JOHN JORGENSEN (M), who with GEORGE DUPONT, WALTER SMITH, and RALPH BARTLETT (M) served as pall bearers, together with two others from Concord Post, V.F.W. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas of Baker Memorial Methodist Church officiated at the services and Chaplain the Reverend Harry F. Shook of Concord Post, A. L. at the grave in Blossom Hill Cemetery.

EDWARD C. CLARK, formerly of E Company, 101st Engineers, died after a long illness, at his home, 10 Neponset Ave., Hyde Park, Mass., on Thursday, February 27. Funeral services, attended by a delegation from E Company, were held from his home on Saturday afternoon, February 29. Clark, a disabled veteran, has suffered from the effects of his wartime service almost continuously from the time of demobilization. He leaves a widow and three children.

Captain LESTER SARGENT, formerly Battalion Adjutant, 101st Engineers, died on February 20. Funeral services were held in Dedham, Mass., on February 22, attended by many friends of the Engineer regiment and the First Corps of Cadets of which he was a member for a number of years before the war.

JOHN BREEN, formerly a sergeant in the Machine Gun Company, 101st Infantry. Date, place and cause not recorded in information submitted to this column.

WARREN M. FRANK, formerly of D Battery, 102nd Field Artillery, died at his home in South Dartmouth, Mass., on January 15, 1936; cause, Bright's disease. Burial services were held on January 18, under the auspices of D Battery Association of New Bedford. Interment was in South Dartmouth, and the grave was fittingly marked with a YD marker by the Battery Association. Mr. Frank has been a member of the YD Veterans Association

for many years, and, with Mrs. Frank, made the pilgrimage of dedication to the Belleau Memorial Church in 1929. For several years he had been armorer of the State Armory in New Bedford. He leaves a widow, one brother, three sisters.

SAMUEL G. GOODMAN, formerly of the 102nd Infantry, died after one week's illness at his home 341 Beechwood Drive, Akron, Ohio, on January 27. Forty-three years old, he had lived in Akron 40 years, was a machinist by trade. At one time he was a member of the YD Veterans Association, and visited the Memorial Clubhouse during the National Legion Convention in 1930 with STEPHEN M. GOHRING (M) of Cleveland. Burial services were held on January 30.

JAMES J. CONNORS, formerly a wagoner in the 101st Ambulance Co., whose home was at 101 Keith St., West Roxbury, Mass., died suddenly on February 13. Members of YD Club and Post No. 290 attended the funeral services on Saturday, February 15, at St. Theresa's Church, West Roxbury.

JAMES F. CAREY, formerly of the 101st Ambulance Co., died at his home, 21A Highland St., Roxbury, Mass., on February 10. Funeral services were held from his home on Thursday, February 13, high mass of requiem in All Saints Church at 9:00 o'clock, attended by many friends in the Yankee Division.

BURTON HARRINGTON, formerly of A Battery, 103rd Field Artillery, whose home was in Chicago, died suddenly in New York on February 14. Burial services at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C., on Monday, Feb. 17, were attended by a delegation from Washington Chapter, Y.D.V.A., at the request of Chicago Chapter, of which the deceased was a member, relayed through Nat. Hq.; an example of the advantages of a central organization.

M. ALLEN POLLEY, formerly of E Co., 101st Engineers, died in Hollywood, Calif., on February 4 (or 5th). The deceased was a member of Southern California Chapter, Y.D.V.A., for eight years with the veterans employment bureau in Los Angeles, was the founder of Edward L. Doheny Post, A.L. He is survived by a widow.

YOULCHE KASPAR, formerly of Machine Gun Company, 102nd Infantry, whose home was in Turlock, Calif., died during the past two months. The meagre information this column has is contained on a notification from the post office on a regular "change of address" form card; the one word "Deceased". Mr. Kaspar had been a member of the YD Veterans Association without interruption since April 14, 1920.

LELAND GILBERT, formerly of the 102nd Ambulance Co., died in Norwalk, Conn. early in February. Funeral services were held by the YD Club of Norwalk with the following acting as pall bearers: ALBERT W. HERMAN (M), FREDERICK MILLER (M), JOHN KVANCE (M) and SAMUEL POLLEY (M). The deceased was a member of Norwalk Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

Sympathy is extended to LYMAN COZZENS (Med. Det., 101st Engrs.) in the loss of his mother a short time ago.

RALPH H. GOODNOW, formerly sergeant in Supply Co., 104th Infantry, died on February 29. Funeral services were held from his home in Lincoln, Mass., on Monday, March 2.

ROY LUCE, formerly of the 103rd Infantry, was buried in Maine on November 15.

HARRY BATCHELLOR, formerly of the 103rd Infantry, died at Togus, Maine Soldiers Home, and was buried on January 24.

ANTHONY SANNELLA, formerly of the 101st Engineers, Judge Advocate of Springfield Chapter, Y.D.V.A., and a prominent attorney in that city, died late in January at the Springfield Hospital, mourned by his many friends in Springfield and elsewhere.

MICHAEL BOIKA, formerly sergeant in A Company, 102nd Infantry, holder of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Croix de Guerre with palm, and the Purple Heart, died on February 21 of self administered poison, in Waterbury, Conn. Mike, one of the best-loved members of the Waterbury YD Club, has been despondent in recent months because of business troubles. He operated a store outside Waterbury. Sergeant Boika received his decorations following the capture of a machine gun nest at Marcheville in September, 1918. Two days later he took command of his company when the officers had become casualties, led the outfit in an attack from whicih only 19 of 150 emerged with a whole skin. For his courage and initiative a palm was added to the Croix de Guerre and a star to his DSC. Mike will be missed.

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IN SUBMITTING CLIPPINGS OF OBITUARIES FROM LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK THE CLIPPING WITH THE NAME OF TOWN AND DATE OF ISSUE.

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LOCAL NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS OF THE YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION

With the springing up of new Chapters each month, the task becomes increasingly difficult for YANKEE DOINGS to cover thoroughly all the activities of each one in every issue. In the pages which follow, every chartered Chapter is at least listed, if only to say that no news dispatch has been received from it since the date of the preceding publication.

The time has arrived when the YD Veterans Association has outgrown its swaddling clothes. One or two men can no longer cover all the news each month. Every Chapter MUST APPOINT a correspondent who will NOT FAIL to send a brief account of each meeting of his chapter to YANKEE DOINGS. Do not try to gamble on the closing date; simply write it up and send it in right after each meeting.

The state of Connecticut has established a clearing house for all Connecticut news, through its Department Secretary BILL ADAMS (M) and Associate Editor RAY KINCAID (M). Between now and Convention time, Massachusetts will have a state department organized and functioning. One of its duties will be to correlate the news from all Bay State chapters; at the present writing nine in number with at least five more certain to be chartered to be chartered within a month or so, and half a dozen more in the state of organization.

Your editor doesn't object to work. But the task of holding forty or more separate strings in his fingers and trying to maintain a perfect liaison with that many separate units is rapidly becoming impossible without such intermediary units as state departments. Take for instance the one job of keeping up to date the roster of officers of each Chapter with their addresses, where they all hold elections at different times; the necessity of notifying the President of each one of each meeting of the National Executive Committee, as provided in the Constitution; the requirement of sending all membership cards to the Chapter Secretaries for their signatures before being forwarded to the members; the keeping of records showing what Chapter each of 2500 members is affiliated with; and the frequent request from a Chapter for a check of its membership list from Hq. files as against the Chapter files;—you can see how tremendous the task is becoming.

When you come to add to all that the fact that while your National officers are visiting a Chapter—say, in Maine, two or three others in other states are holding meetings the same night, and forget to write in what took place; then DOINGS comes out with no mention of them, and everybody is sore about it! Ah me, ah me, the trials and tribulations of an editor.

So, until well functioning state departments ARE thoroughly organized, *please* make it a point to be your own reporters. You send the news in and we'll print it, though we may have to condense it somewhat.

WILL EVERY CHAPTER, WITHOUT FURTHER REQUEST, SEND YANKEE DOINGS A CORRECT STATEMENT OF THE NIGHTS ON WHICH THEY MEET, ALSO THE PLACE WHERE THE MEETING IS HELD, SO THAT THIS COMPLETE INFORMATION CAN BE PUBLISHED.

P. N. S. (M).

MAINE

At last the Y.D.V.A. has succeeded in penetrating the fastnesses of the Pine Tree State. Below you will read of the fine meeting in Portland on February 25. At that same meeting a tentative date was made for organizing a chapter in Augusta through the help of MALCOLM STODDARD, Regional Manager of the Veterans Administration in that city, and plans were laid for the Portland group to make a foray in Lewiston, strong hold of the 101st Trench Mortar Battery, to bring them into the fold, with the help of ELLIOTT K. HALE (M) of Lisbon Falls, PERCY BENTON (M), President of the Portland Club; and ELTON P. WALKER (M) roving ambassador without portfolio for Maine. Other encouraging features were the renewed interest of two men who in the old days did much to keep Maine in the forefront in YD affairs, GEORGE W. MORRELL and PERCY WITHAM. (No (M)s, but there will be soon.)

All in all, or the first time in two years, the picture in Maine looks encouraging. Portland is even talking of inviting us there for the 1937 Convention! And would we go? Remember 1932?

Don't cool off now, boys. Bring at least Lewiston and Augusta into the fold by Convention time and all will be forgiven.

SUMMARY

Chartered Chapters:
Portland
Waterville

Being organized:
None
Talk of organizing:
Lewiston
Augusta

PORTLAND

Tuesday evening, February 25, was a big night in Portland, the YD Club of Portland acting as host to the National officers of the YD Veterans Association at a banquet and dance at the Falmouth Hotel.

An even hundred men and ladies were seated at the tables in the beautiful ball room, having completed an excellent repast, when President PERCY BENTON (M) called the gathering to order and presented the Chairman of the Banquet and Reception Committee, ELTON P. WALKER (M) who was roundly applauded for his fine work in perfecting the arrangements, ably assisted by FRANK O. MCGUIRE and CECIL PULLEN. Chairman Walker introduced as Toastmaster for the evening, TOM MARLEY (M), (104th Inf.), who proceeded to lend dignity and verve to the occasion not only by his eloquence in the introduction of speakers and distinguished guests, but by being the only man in the hall except waiters and musicians to be dressed in "soup-and-fish," the National officers not excluded.

Toastmaster MARLEY (M) presented for a bow only the head table guests and several seated at other tables in the hall: ELTON P. WALKER (M), Chairman of the Banquet Committee; WARREN KING (HM), the Grand Old Man of the Portland YD Club; SOL CRASNICK, Commander of Harold Andrews Post, A.L.; Major Anthony J. Touit of the 5th Inf.; Maj. MALCOLM STODDARD, Regional Manager of the Veterans Administration for Maine; ELLIOTT K. HALE (M) former V.P. for Maine and Sec. of the 103rd Infantry Veterans Ass'n; OWEN PERCY BENTON (M), President of the YD Club of Portland; Dr. C. EUGENE FOGG (HM), Sous-Chef-de-Gare of the National 40 and 8, representing Governor Brann; MRS. ORIN TYLER, President of the Auxiliary, YD Club of Portland; and Mr. Ferillo, Commander of the V.F.W. Post of Westbrook.

The only first speaker was the National Secretary, PHIL SANBORN (M) who was more than a little embarrassed to be introduced by a quotation from his own words published in an issue of YANKEE DOINGS several years ago, and who emphasized the importance of team work among all units and groups of the YD, each YD Club was urged to affiliate 100% of its members with the national body.

The principal speaker of the evening, National President LEN MALONEY (M) delivered one of his characteristically inspiring talks on the aims and purposes of the Y.D.V.A., the splendid showing made by Portland through many years, and his gratification at its present enthusiasm and evident resolve to become increasingly active and important. Preceding President Maloney's address, Mr. WARREN KING (HM) was ushered to the front of the guest of honor, and presented him with one of the beautiful chrome insignia of the YD, with jewelled mountings, also a splendid enlarged framed portrait of General EDWARDS mounted on his favorite horse.

Following the speaking, dancing was enjoyed till a late hour.

Many of the little confabs with old friends both before and after the meeting were as enjoyable as the formal program itself. Major MALONEY (M) and Sec. SANBORN (M) played the host in their rooms before the dinner to an ever-changing group of the local YD, and after the dinner was over had a chance to get together both in the cocktail bar and other corners of the hotel for many a talk on Yankee Division, past, present and future.

Familiar faces aside from those already mentioned (and we know we have left out some) were: Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE MORRELL, Mr. and Mrs. PERCY WITHAM, Mr. and Mrs. LARRY JENKINS (M), Sec. LEON HALL, WILLARD LOVEJOY, and many, many others.

—P. N. S. (M)

What to do and where to go, have YDers guessing this year. The State Legion and the YD convention are an the same dates!

The Portland YD Club has started the year with a bang, perhaps two bangs. After we opened our new club room at 499½ Congress St., new members came in and other things started. A Beano held every Tuesday evening in the Exposition Bldg. is giving the Club plenty of good advertising and a good time. Attendance has been over 350 for several nights. The gang are doing a good job in turning out for work in connection with the Beano.

Meeting every Thursday proved to be a wise move, 25 or more present most every meeting. NELSON H. WARD, (B.Co. 103rd Inf.) is doing a good job in looking after the room, as a maker of sandwiches he has no equal; and can't DODGE (H. Co., 103rd Inf.) make coffee?

WARREN KING, (HM) is doing night work and can't attend the meetings, we miss him. Our other (HM) TOM KENNON is basking in the Florida Sunshine at St. Petersburg. We hope he is well. He was the main key at our Portland Convention.

SOL CRASNICK, our former Sec., is now P.C. of the Andrews Post, A.L. Wonder if he has forgotten us. Several other YDers are members of different committees. HALL had about 12 years service without a day's K.P. So they made him Chairman of the dish washing delegation.

We are glad to announce that DON HUNT is going to run for Sheriff of Cumberland County. While we as a Club cannot sponser a candidate, we are sure that the majority of YDers will vote for him.

We hope he has better luck than other YD men have had.

Many of our comrades have answered the call from the Great Commander the last few weeks. On November 15th we attended the funeral of ROY LUCE, and EDWIN BOOTHBY lost his life in a CCC camp fire. Its rather tough to go through a war and lose one's life that way. On January 24th was the funeral of HARRY BATCHELLOR, who died at Togus.

"John Horsecollers" says, "Before a man starts finding fault with others, he should take a mirror and look the situation over."

WILLARD LOVEJOY is still repairing washing machines, lawn-mowers, phonographs and the like, and making keys to take the place of the one you lost, at 386 Cumberland Avenue.

Crews of Soviet ships, according to a dispatch from Moscow, include women as well as men. Properly paired off, we can see where double bunks would be a pleasure.

MELAMSON (M) (B. Co. 103rd Inf.) is our Jack of All Trades. The baseball game that he made is a wonder. This game is a sort of dart game. These darts have a habit of going where you don't want them to.

The Sage of Punkin Center says, "A committee is a collection of nitwits who have nothing else to do but turn down every idea that is suggested to them."

CHAS. MILLER, (D. Co. 103rd Inf.) rates a medal from Sol Bloom. He has eight children, six boys and two nurses. He also can do a good job at model boat building.

A certain politician, when he complains about the remarks made about him by others should remember the remarks he made about General COLE (LM). He has shown that HE CAN'T TAKE IT.

ALVA DELLINBECK is one of our newer members and he is a worker. We were glad to see OSCAR WALLACE at our last meeting. He has been away from us a long time. CHICK EVANS and FLETCHER (SLIM) LONG represented the Club at the National Defense meeting held at the Andrews Post, A.L. the other night.

For the information of the old 5th Mass. Inf. members we will say that STANLEY W. HYDE is serving his eighth term as principal of North Yarmouth Academy, that town is in Maine, in case you don't know.

How much of your Bonus will you have left after you pay your bills? Has your better half told you how you are going to spend it.

They say it is female trouble that keeps so many away from the Club.

MILBRY E. BUTLER, (E. Co. 101st Eng.) living at 242 Cumberland Ave., is looking for a seat on the Portland City Council. He is married and has six children. O, my gosh!

Some Club members ask questions with a desire to attain knowledge, and some ask questions out of pure cussedness.

The Club has three meeting places, Walker St. Garage, High St. Beverage Co. and LOVEJOY's Lock and Key Shop, not to mention the Club Room at 499½ Congress Street.

Under the date of February 6th the members of the 103rd Inf. and invited guests had a party that will be long remembered. The supper committee under the leadership of NELSON WARD and BILL SPEAR did a wonderful job and are deserving of all the praise they can get. The members furnished the entertainment and that was even more than we expected. We won't mention names but the different acts brought down about everything.

—"Minne-la-Tour"

WATERVILLE

No report.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

There is nothing startlingly new in the New Hampshire picture as a whole. Encouraging features have been a salutary spurt of new life on the part of Nashua, with an almost doubled membership in the past two months, and the resurrection of Concord, feared to be defunct, but still functioning as will be read below. Manchester is jogging along without any great signs of life, and Keene has lapsed in that state of silence which presages no good. No new chapters have been formed or contemplated. New Hampshire, outside of Nashua, is below par, and needs a dose of dynamite. Don't let the golden opportunity of a full year's membership and a little better slip by! You'll find it twice as hard to sign up new members after Convention as it is now. NOW is the time to get 'em. Membership in New Hampshire isn't more than 20% what it should be, and can be with some real effort and work.

SUMMARY

Chartered Chapters:
- Manchester
- Nashua
- Concord
- Keene

Being organized:
- None

Talk of organizing:
- None

MANCHESTER

At our regular meeting on February 12, plans were made for our Annual Meeting in March which we

expect will be a good one and well attended. A slate of candidate for office has been prepared and will be presented at this meeting. Only routine business was taken up at the February meeting, so news is scarce.

——H. E. M. (M)

NASHUA

Thursday evening, January 30, was the occasion of the Annual visit of the National officers to the Nashua YD Club. Following a fine German Supper at the Veterans Home, the meeting was opened by President Eliot Carter (M), who presented in turn the three National officers present: V. P. for New Hampshire Bill Sayers (M), Secretary Phil Sanborn (M), and President Len Maloney (M). Len made one of the very best of his many good addresses on building up the Y. D. V. A., with the result that Secretary-Treasurer Harry Ainscow (M) reported an even dozen new members signed up. About forty attended the meeting.

As guest speaker, the Reverend Otto Lyding, rector of the First Unitarian Church, gave an absorbing talk on present day Germany, from first hand observation during a tour last summer.

The flying squadron of the Worcester Convention Committee: Joe Gauthier (M), Ted Noyes (M), Clyde Elliott (M) and Sam Spencer (M) gave advance dope on the Convention and signed up several registrants for the Big Time.

Among those present were the following: William J. Sproule, Harold Farnum, Herbert T. Tinker, S. Wilder Brown, Harry D. Emerson, Harry J. Crompton, Clyde F. Hammant, Earle L. Williams, Daniel Brockelbank, Carl L. Morton, Joseph P. Shea, Arthur S. Johnson, Robert Vantine, Christine Alpen, Leo Grandmaison, Earle Mycue, Wilfred Dambroise, Leo Laflamme, Ludger Beacher, Daniel Dionne, George Lefebvre, Diamond L. Nadeau, Edward H. Hodge, Wilbur G. Milliken, Austin A. Murray, John P. Diggins, George M. French, Eliot A. Carter, Harry Ainscow.

—P. N. S. (M)

CONCORD

The Concord Chapter Y.D.V.A. is back on earth again.

We opened the winter season with several well-attended meetings. Members came from as far as fifteen miles away.

For the second time, we advertised for broken toys which could be repaired, painted, and generally made serviceable for distribution among the needy children of the city. Past President "Sniper" Jorgensen (M) and our new presiding officer, Andrews, (M) took charge of the business and got some local firms to contribute ads for the toys. As fast as the calls came in the toys were picked up and taken to the National Guard Motor Park where the actual reconstruction took place. One room at the Motor Park soon looked like Santa Claus' workshop.

This is the second year of our activity along this line and we took care of about 300 children, this being about twice the number which were taken care of last year.

Monday nights during December saw ten or a dozen men working away at scooters, velocipedes, sleds, games, etc., as though they were expecting a general inspection and they must have the place all policed up before it occurred.

Distribution was accomplished through the co-operation of Captain Andrews (M), our presiding officer, and a detail from the National Guard Motor Park.

This is our contribution to the Civic Welfare of the city of Concord and we feel that some happy kids at Xmas time well repaid us for our efforts.

Ray Pennock (C Co., 103rd Inf.), called on the Secretary of the club the other day and states that physically he is well as ever but badly bent financially. Ray is also looking forward to getting his bonus money. (Adjusted service certificate to youse guys.)

We hope this puts us back among the active chapters of Y.D.V.A. and a regular schedule of meetings once a month we hope will keep us there.

Any YD man in central New Hampshire interested in a get-together and banquet in April will please send his name to the Secretary, W. A. Clough (M), at Concord, New Hampshire. This being along the idea of a State Convention later.

—W. A. C. (M)

KEENE

No report.

VERMONT

News from Vermont has been zero since the last issue of Doings. All through the year we have had promises. With one exception of a bang-up meeting in Rutland on December 5, and the fact that Rutland Chapter (the only one in the state) is better than holding its own, with regular meetings each month, there hasn't been an ounce of execution backing up the promises.

SUMMARY

Chartered Chapters:
Rutland

Being organized:
None

Talk of organizing: (At one time)
Bellows Falls

Barre-Montpelier
Springfield

RUTLAND

No report since last issue.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts shares the honors with Connecticut of being the most active sector of the Y.D.V.A. this year. Every chartered chapter in the state is functioning with regular meetings with the exception of Lawrence, which is to be reorganized within a week. Much of what each is doing is contained in the despatches below. Since the New Haven Convention, up to this writing, three charters have been granted in the Bay State, namely New Bedford, Lowell and Plymouth. Others partly organized are: Salem, Clinton, Webster, Lawrence and Attleboro. Waiting to be organized are: Natick, Athol, Milford, Taunton, and Beverly.

SUMMARY

Chartered Chapters:
- Boston
- Lynn
- Brockton
- Springfield
- Holyoke
- Worcester
- New Bedford
- Lowell
- Plymouth
- Lawrence

Being organized:
- Salem (Feb. 6)
- Clinton (Feb. 6)
- Webster (Feb. 26)
- Attleboro (Mar. 5)
- Lawrence (Re-organization, Mar. 25)

Talk of organizing:
- Taunton
- Beverly
- Athol
- Fitchburg
- Milford
- Natick
- North Adams

Yet to be organized:
- Northampton
- Gloucester
- Haverhill
- Fall River
- Hudson
- Hudson
- Pittsfield
- Any others who request

BOSTON

During the present year, the YD Club of Boston (CH), always the largest Chapter of the Association, has added new laurels to its brow:—it is now the most prosperous! And there is one whale of a big difference between the two things. We haven't Treasurer JOE GALLIGAN's (M) meticulous tables of figures before us; but we do know that within a week there was upward of $1,200.00 in the treasury with all bills paid.

On the strength of the splendid accomplishment of the present administration, two important decisions have been made. Commencing March 1, the Clubhouse will be open to members from 12:00 noon to midnight instead of the hours 4:00 P.M. to midnight adopted during the period of retrenchment. The other step is that the large assembly hall on the third floor and the entire stair hall and entrance lobby are being cleaned, repainted and refinished. The other Club rooms were renovated about two years ago, and when the present job is completed we will once more have a home to be proud of.

Regular monthly smokers are being held the fourth Thursday of every month, with interesting speakers and large attendance. The Club rooms have been used to a larger extent by members during the afternoons and evenings of the present winter. Preliminary plans are being made for the second annual Memorial Meeting on a date near Memorial Day in May. The Club's tenant on the ground floor, the "club devkelder" operated by three YD men, CHARLIE DEVLIN (M), JOHN KELLY (M) and BILL SNYDER (M), is doing better business than a year ago (and by the way, it's a swell place to grab a good meal or tip the elbow of an evening—if you are not a member, apply to any of the three for membership).

During the past month, the Club has been proving of inestimable value to all service men, of whatever outfit, in filling out for them their applications for the bonus bonds. Several hundred have been thus accommodated, and the Club has all the fixin's to take the fingerprints and everything—even takes applications down to the Bureau after they are completed. Be sure to bring your discharge and "pink slip".

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following report for action at the Annual Meeting on March 19:

For the office of:
- President: AUSTIN F. APPLEBY (M) (104th Inf.)
- 1st Vice Pres.: ALBERT M. PACIEICI (M) (101st Inf.)
- 2nd Vice Pres.: FRED T. WILSON (M) (101st F. Sig. Bn.)
- 3rd Vice Pres.: EDWARD J. SLATTERY (M) (101st Inf.)
- Treasurer: JOSEPH J. GALLIGAN (M) (101st Inf.)

Secretary: JOSEPH J. GALLIGAN (M) (101st Inf.)
Director for three years: (two to be elected)
JOHN F. REGAN (M) 104th Inf.)
EDWIN S. PURDY (M) (101st Engrs.)
Respectfully submitted,

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
L. H. REDFIELD (M) (101st Eng.) Chm.
VINCENT C. BREEN (M) (101st Inf.)
EDWARD J. CHISHOLM (M) (104th Inf.)
BENJAMIN JAMES (M) (101st F. A.)
KENNETH POULTON (M) (101st F.Sig.Bn.)

The regular January smoker was held on the evening of the 23rd, with Capt. Leighton Blood of the staff of the Boston Post as guest speaker. Captain Blood told of his experiences as an officer in the Foreign Legion.

Twelve members of the local unit of the "Stahlhelm" or Steel Helmets, the so-called "Legion of Germany" were guests of the Club at the February smoker on the night of the 27th. All fought for Germany during the war, but all are American citizens today, and were accorded every courtesy by the largest audience to attend a smoker this year. As spokesman of the group Commander Walter Kuhring gave a vivid and thrilling resumé of his adventures as a member of a German U-boat that ran the blockade of English and Allied battleships, net-traps and depth bombs in the North Sea and English Channel en route to Mestopotamia. His description of the mechanism, structure, fighting equipment and sailing radius of these under sea boats was extremely interesting to the YD veterans whose knowledge of the deep during the hectic days of 1917 was confined to prosaic "banana boats" used as transports.

After the meeting he told many more anecdotes and stories of war days to groups who gathered around to ask questions. Only casualty of the evening: the 20 dozen doughnuts gave out before the onslaught of the unexpectedly large crowd.

BROCKTON

No report since last issue.

HOLYOKE

"The biggest meeting the YD Club of Holyoke ever had" is the way President WILLIAM MCGARRY (M) describes the annual visit of National President LEN MALONEY (M) to that Chapter on the evening of January 28. And, continues Pres. MCGARRY (M): "The President's message was an inspiration to all of us, and as a result of it Holyoke Chapter is going to go places and do things."

Preceding the meeting at the State Armory, Pres. LEN was guest at a dinner at Beckman's Restaurant, attended by about twenty-five, including Mayor William P. Yoerg of Holyoke and the officers of the local Chapter.

In addition to the National President's address urging greater cohesion and activity among all YD groups, TED NOYES (M), CLYDE ELLIOTT (M), and SAM SPENCER (M) from Worcester, gave the coming Convention a boost.

Over 100 attended the big meeting in the armory, and the following officers were installed by President MALONEY (M):

President: Maj. WILLIAM H. MCGARRY (M)
Sr. V. P.: LAWRENCE A. WAGNER (M)
Jr. V. P.: FRED JOHNSON (M)
Secretary: MAHLON T. HILL (M)
Treasurer: JAMES SULLIVAN (M)
Chaplain: HAROLD G. WOODRUFF (M)
Sgt.-at-Arms: PATRICK J. DUCY (M)

LOWELL

When it comes to telling about Lowell, one scarcely knows where to begin. Lowell is the miracle man, the child prodigy, among chapters of the Y.D.V.A. Scarcely over two months old, having had its charter less than two weeks, it is up in the running with Lynn, Hartford, and New Haven for second place to Boston in number of members, and swears it will not only make second place, but that it will give Boston a run for its money for the Number 1 berth!

Barring an "act of God", Lowell will achieve its ambition at least temporarily on April 1, when all the other chapters are due for renewal of memberships for the coming year, because all of its 100 members are paid up to April 1, 1937, and it will automatically leap into first place.

To try to place the credit for the wonderful showing involves getting snarled up in an Alphonse and Gaston act. DORAN LYONS (LM) gives all the credit to JOHN O'ROURKE (M), JOHN GRAY (M), ROLAND BLACK (M) and the other duly elected officers. They give all the credit to DORAN. Anyhow, that's a nice way to be about it. This much we do know: CHARLIE DAILEY (M), V.P. for Mass., BILL BLAKE (M) Past National President, and DORAN LYONS (LM) are closer together than three peas in a pod; and when Charlie and Bill ask a favor of Doran, they get it. In this case, "the Deacon" just made up his mind to form a Chapter in Lowell, and by G—, he formed it.

As already stated, they have 100 paid-up members. The officers of the Chapter, elected on January 27, are as follows:

President: JOHN O'ROURKE (M)
Vice Presidents: JOHN J. GRAY (M)
EDWARD D. BARTON (M)
EDWARD SCULLIN (M)
Secretary: DORAN S. LYONS (LM)
Treasurer: ROLAND BLACK (M)
Chaplain: ROYAL K. HAYES (M)
Sgt.-at-Arms: DANIEL P. BRENNAN (M)
Stewards: THOMAS KEARNS (M)
FRANK R. SALOME (M)
JOHN J. MANN (M)
THOMAS J. MCDERMOTT (M)

Executive Committee:
Col. Charles A. Stevens (LM)
Judge John C. Leggat (M)
Daniel F. Coakley (M)
Joseph Sexton (M)
John J. Cullen (M)

But all this is only leading up to the shindig held at Page's Restaurant on the evening of February 20. "Big Bertha Night", they called it, and it was the largest gathering of YD men we have seen together in one place since the New Haven Convention. One hundred and thrity-five of 'em in the dining room, and a piping hot, delicious dinner for each. That, my friends, WAS a party!

We believe that every member, without exception, was on hand, and twenty-five or thirty yet to sign up; in fact it looked as if every YD man in Lowell was on hand.

It was originally intended to have President Len Maloney (M) install the officers according to form. But it was just one of those times—everybody was having the time of his life, milling from one table to another, and the mood was not one for serious and solemn business. However, Len did succeed in getting a measure of quiet to present the charter establishing the Lowell Chapter, presenting it to President John O'Rourke (M) following a brief and peppy talk.

Doran Lyons (LM) acted as toastmaster, and seldom has a toastmaster at a meeting of a local Chapter, been able to introduce such a list of those prominent in YD affairs. National Officers: President Maloney (M), Treasurer Redfield (M), Secretary Sanborn (M), Vice Presidents Sayers of New Hampshire, Daily (M) of Massachusetts, Past National Presidents Col. Stevens (LM), Ben James (M), Bill Blake (M), Americanization Officer Royal K. Hayes (M), Chapter Presidents O'Rourk (M) of Lowell, Carter (M) of Nashua, Elliott (M) of Worcester, the General Chairman and Secretary of the Convention Committee Joe Gauthier (M) and Ted Noyes (M) of Worcester, Judge Leggat (M), and all the officers of Lowell Chapter.

All in all, such signs of enthusiasm have seldom been encountered. Lowell is setting the pace for all of Massachusetts. It is planned to list all the members by occupations and develop a system of cooperative business dealings among the members, who are in nearly every known occupation.

Preceding the meeting, the out-of-town guests were tendered a reception at Doran Lyon's (LM) home, whither Pres. Len Maloney (M) was escorted by the Chairman of the Reception Committee, Irving Loucraft (M), Veterans Placement Officer for Massachusetts. Len later spent the night at Doran's home.

It was planned to have Dr. Ira Morse show his motion pictures of African wild game hunting, but whether he did or not, your correspondent knoweth not. There seemed little likelihood of it when he left about 11: P.M. Dr. Morse attended the banquet however, and seemed perturbed not at all, but having as good a time as everyone else.

One of the highlights of evening was the introduction of Mr. D. L. Page, founder of Page's Restaurant, where the banquet was held. Mr. Page, a Civil War veteran of 93 years, said he dropped in to see that the boys were getting everything just the way they wanted it.

Just to show the thoroughness with which Lowell does things, we are appending here the names of those who served on committees for the evening's affair:

(M) After All of 'em

The Banquet Committee: John J. Gray, chairman; Doran S. Lyons, James J. McKearin, Russell E. Smith, Joseph H. Sexton, Col. Charles A. Stevens, Edward D. Barton, Roland Black, Daniel F. Coakley, John J. Cullen, Leo Francis Fox, Royal K. Hayes, Roger K. Hubble, Hon. John C. Leggat, John J. O'Rourke, Edwin A. Robey, Edward F. Scullin, Edward H. Sullivan, Edward D. Walsh.

Reception committee: Irving G. Loucraft, Edgar P. Lessard, Timothy H. Lynch, John J. Mann, Charles P. McDermott, Harry F. O'Sullivan, Quincy B. Park, Francis M. Quinn, Thomas S. Silva, Carroll D. Spiller, Willard Symmes, Franklin W. Thomas, Joseph R. Willis, Russell E. Stack, George T. Underwood, John C. Drescher, Wallace G. Duncan, James F. Armstrong, William T. Caveney, Philip Desmarais, Wilfred Ducharme, William C. Geary, Robert A. Ginivan, Rosario LeBlue, George M. Walsh, Joseph A. Ready, Howard J. Akerley, George W. Mulvey.

Transportation committee: Edward J. Desaulnier, Harry F. Cote, Edward L. Bailey, Atione Bernier, George Brady, Charles L. Buckley, Harry R. Chambers, Joseph Coughlin, Andrew F. Finnigan, William Francis Furey, Emile Hartman, John F. Kenny, Joseph A. Landry, Joseph H. Lemire, George Lowe, William G. MacLean, Thomas J. McDermott, Frank E. Murphy, William F. Mulholland, James P. O'Loughlin, Frank Rourke.

Entertainment committee: Daniel P. Brennan, Harold L. Bigelow, John D. Chandler, Mathew M. Cheswick, Albert G. Corcoran, Philip Crucciani, Edward J. Early, David F. Frawley, Clarence L. Hildreth, Edward A. Lemke, James F. MacGrath, Francis L. McGrail, George A. Perigney.

Membership committee: Frank E. Batchelder, Harry Asa Cole, Frank A. Goode, Thomas D. Kearns, Martin J. Ready, Harry B. Reed, Eugene G. Richard, Joseph A. Riley, Joseph Rheault, Frank R. Salome, John F. Scully, Patrick T. Shea, Francis J. Sheehan, Paul M. Spillane, Patrick J. Toohey, John J. Wallace, Irving F. Whitcomb, James P. McCready.

LYNN

Well, here's a little good news. We have just got started on our 1936 Membership Drive in the form of an attack with the following line-up:

General Headquarter's—Membership Drive Committee—"Lynn YD Club".

Commanding Officer—General LEON "Muscles" VARNAM (M).

Commander of First Army—Major ROY KNOX (M).

First Corps—Captain HOLMAN STANCHFIELD (M).

Second Corps—Captain WALTER SMITH (M).
Third Corps—Captain CLAYTON PEVEAR (M).
First Corps Lieuts.—ROBERT NEWMAN (M), CLAUDE HOAG (M), HAROLD GUPPY (M).
Second Corps Lieuts.—ROYAL THOMAS (M), GEORGE CURLEY, Dr. HAROLD W. CROWELL (M).

Third Corps Lieuts.—PATRICK CUFFE (M), EDWARD SAULNIER (M), PETER PERRAULT.
Commander of Second Army—Major RAYMOND DOUCETTE (M).

Fourth Corps—Captain EUSTIS GRIMES (M).
Fifth Corps—Captain ARTHUR PIERCE (M).
Sixth Corps—Captain MICHAEL GAROFANO (M).
Fourth Corps Lieuts.—RALPH MERRITT (M), GUSTAVE JOHNSON (M), JOHN RYAN (M).

Fifth Corps Lieuts.—JOHN Q. WELCH (M), EDMUND CALLAHAN (M), JOSEPH TRIMBLE (M).

Sixth Corps Lieuts.—THOMAS CURRAN (M), JOHN SULLIVAN (M), RICHARD HENNESSEY (M).

Objective: 240 Prisoners—Each Corps 40, Each man 10.

Captains report prisoners captured to their respective Major. Majors will report to the General. A chart will be posted for all to look at and see how the drive is progressing.

And here's the start of regaining our honor position next to Boston. Watch out, Connecticut!

On January 28 we held St. Mihiel Night at the Club and had close to 100 members present. The real feature of the evening was our good friend Captain TOM BRASSIL (M) (104th Inf.), Deputy Warden of Charlestown State Prison. He gave a very interesting talk on the sidelights of "Prison Life" and was greeted with plenty of cheers at the finish. There also was a real reunion afterwards as a lot of 104th men were present. Coffee and Donuts were served by the Committee. "Mussolini" (M), fog-horn voice and all, served as Master of Ceremonies assisted by ROY KNOX (M), HAROLD GUPPY (M), JOSEPH TRIMBLE (M), WALTER SMITH (M), HOLMAN STANCHFIELD (M), EDWARD SAULNIER (M), GUSTAVE JOHNSON (M), GROVER LAKEMAN (M), CLAYTON PEVEAR (M), ROY L. THOMAS (M) and others too numerous to mention.

On February 25th the Club will hold an "Apremont Night". Dope will come later.

—A. R. D. (M)

SALEM

On Thursday, February 6, 1936, the Salem YD Club held its annual installation of officers at their Club Rooms at the Howard St. School, and they have real quarters, very artistically painted by the members with a large YD in blue diamond background just back of President's chair.

Doctor HAROLD W. CROWELL (M), Captain of the Lynn YD Club's drill team, acted as Installing Officer, assisted by the following Lynn YD men in uniform: LEON VARNAM (M), acted as Sergeant at Arms, and WALTER SMITH (M), GUSTAVE JOHNSON (M), GEORGE CURLEY, IVAN COMEAU (M), JOSEPH TRIMBLE (M), EDWARD SAULNIER (M), assisted, and they did a real job of it. The following officers were installed for the ensuing year:

President—EMILE THIBAULT (M).

Vice President—NAPOLEON ST. CHARLES (M).

Secretary—CHARLES LAFORME.

Treasurer—WILFRED THIBODEAU (M).

Directors—HORMIDAS ST. CHARLES (M), HECTOR ROULEAU, LUCIEN PELLETIER, ALBERT COUILLARD, NAPOLEON LEBLANC (M), EDMUND GRAVEL.

They were duly installed with impressive ceremonies and Doc Crowell and his staff did a masterly job of it. After installation was completed RAYMOND DOUCETTE (M) was introduced as Master of Ceremonies and the evening was then turned over to him. A large crowd was present and also the leading dignataries of Salem. Among the speakers were Honorable George E. Bates, Mayor of Salem, who eulogized the YD (his brother, John, was in Hdqtrs. 101 F. A.), then came Senator William McSweeney, Captain Dawson of the American Legion, State Representative Edmund Talbot and representatives from Salem City Council, Gold Star Mothers, Board of Assessors, Spanish War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Polish American Veterans, Mass. State Guard Assn., President SAULNIER (M) of Lynn YD Club and others.

One of the highlights was the speech by the Retiring President NAPOLEON LEBLANC (M) who told of the struggle to revive the Salem YD Club during the past two years while he was President, and of the many plans for the future, and it might be said right here that the retiring President has done a real job of it in Salem and deserves a world of credit for the success of the Salem YD Club.

WILFRED PELLETIER of the Salem News rendered several songs in a pleasing manner and then the Master of Ceremonies did his stuff for our live wire President LEN MALONEY (M).

I outlined the purposes of the Y.D.V.A., gave them the full story of what has been going on the past few years, told the story of our National Conventions, YANKEE DOINGS, The Memorial Church at Belleau and eulogized the wonderful work being done by our National Officers, especially our President and Secretary-Editor, etc., and outlined the whole story

of the Yankee Division Veterans Association and its many Chapters and ended with, "Now it takes just 10 members to get your charter, where are my 10 men?"

At first there was no response, but before I knew it a crowd of them had gathered around me and started asking for applications. With the able assistance of WALTER SMITH (M) and LEON VARNAM (M) we signed up 8 cash customers and 10 more who promised to pay shortly. This Salem crowd are a group of live wires and once in the fold I believe they will go ahead in leaps and bounds. The 18 insisted on signing the application for a charter which showed the right spirit. All in all, it was a very good start and here's hoping we can tackle Beverly next.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the festivities and then dancing finished off a real gala evening.

LUCIEN PELLETIER (M) of 204 Jefferson Ave., Salem, and one of the new chapter members would like all Battery D, 101 F.A., men to get in touch with him as soon as possible.

"Salem Chapter" Y.D.V.A.

NAPOLEON LEBLANC (M), CHARLES E. SNYDER, EMILE J. THIBAULT (M), GEORGE E. FARNHAM (M), WILFRED J. THIBODEAU (M), EMILE J. GAGNON (M), ALLEN E. FELLOWS (M), ALEXANDER HEBERT (M), JOHN J. COOLEY (M), HORMIDAS ST. CHARLES (M), SAMUEL KING (M), LUCIEN PELLETIER, CHARLES LAFORME, ALBERT ST. PIERRE, ALBERT J. COUILLARD, NAPOLEON ST. CHARLES (M), JOSEPH W. DUBE, EDMUND G. GRAVEL.

"Give them a big cheer!"

—A.R.D. (M)

We held our first regular meeting February 20, since our Installation. I was hoping that some of the members who signed up to join Y.D.V.A. would come coco with their two bucks, but they seem to be more or less hard up. But by next meeting March 5, I am sure I will at least collect from two of them so as to clinch our Charter at an early date.

We are holding a Costume Party and old fashion dancing February 25 in our quarters, and from indications if the weather man is good to us we will have a full house, and maybe grab a few new members. We have 20 names of members who have agreed to join Y.D.V.A. to date.

At our last meeting we decided on April 10 to hold a YD night and to have the presentation of the Charter at that time.

Do you happen to know the name of any concern who handle and have catalog in color of uniforms. We have hopes of turning out at the Convention in uniforms, and would like to have all the dope possible.

Our membership drive is to start April 1, and we hope to boost our membership to 200 by Convention time. Last meeting we appointed a committee to contact the ladies in regard to forming a Ladies Auxiliary, we also have started a program of entertainment. We ran up against a snag on our first one, February 14: we were to hold a dance in our quarters but that last snow storm forced us to call it off. February 25 we are holding a Costume Party and Dance and if conditions are right we will make up for what we lost on our first one. To climax our program for the year we hope to hold a YD Ball in the Fall, so you see Salem has come out of its shell-hole and is going over the top. Its objective is to take its place where it belongs with the other Chapter in the Y.D.V.A.

—EMILE J. THIBAULT (M)
President, Salem YD Club

SPRINGFIELD

January 25 was the Big Night at Springfield. At a banquet in the Hotel Charles, the Springfield Chapter acted as host on the occasion of the annual visit of the National officers of the Y.D.V.A.

Over 100 were present to enjoy a splendid steak dinner, including many from out of town points, particularly towns in Connecticut. Fully half of the sixteen Connecticut chapters were represented either by their officers or a group of members, or both, ED MILLER (M) *President of Hartford;* GEN. HAGGERTY (M), President of New Haven; BILL THOMPSON, (M), President of Bristol; FRANK BOSSIDY (M), President of Wallingford, JOE KOLINSKY (M), President of Middletown; COL. PARKER (M), RALPH WALKER (M) and RALPH BISHOP (M) being a few whose faces we can remember after about seven weeks since the event took place.

But don't think Springfield itself wasn't out in force. All the old reliables were on deck, and a lot of others: Pres. BEN JOHNSON (M), committee chairman ANDIE BIRNIE, Treas. BOB SPENGLER (M), ROSWELL PATCH (M), JIM ARMESON (M), ED. MALEY, HENRY ROUX (M), TOM CROKAN (M), JOHNNY LOWE (M) and so many others whose names are not so familiar to your correspondent, but are good loyal members of the Club all the same.

Rev. GEORGE S. L. CONNOR (M), Past National Chaplain, was master of ceremonies and introduced the head-table brass hats, each of whom spoke for a few minutes in a most interesting way. National officers present in addition to the President were Sec. SANBORN (M), Treasurer REDFIELD (M), V. P. JONES (M) and HERMAN (M). The usual delegation of NOYES (M), GAUTHIER (M) and ELLIOTT (M), represented the Convention Comm.

Principal speakers of the evening were President MALONEY (M) and Colonel PARKER (M). After the speaking the pictures of the New Haven Convention were shown.

The Springfield boys seemed wonderfully heartened and encouraged by the success of the meeting, and pledged themselves to go out and make a big show-

ing in coralling the hundreds of eligible YD members between now and Convention time.

There's nothing the matter with Springfield. Watch 'em! Here is a group of a dozen or fifteen fellows who have been carrying the load for years, and the blame if any, attaches to the former higher officers of the Division in and near Springfield, prominent men today, who haven't lifted a finger to help out, no matter how many times beseeched. DOINGS won't name any names—yet.

Since the banquet, two other meetings have been held, the latest one on February 17, at which time nominations for officers were submitted. There will be contests for nearly every office.

JOHNNY LOWE (M) did an admirable job as endman at the Fire Eaters Minstrel show on February 19.

Come on, Abe, get back in with the gang. In case readers don't know who Abe is, he is ABE FLESCHER (G Co., 104th Inf.) who is minus an eye and an arm, bad dogs and many shrapnel wounds; but in spite of all, always up and doing for the veterans who need help.

How about each chapter sending in number of men that are all set to go to the Convention.

—TOM CROKAN (M)

WORCESTER

Worcester is having regular meetings, and from what rumors leak out, they are GOOD meetings, interesting and well attended. BUT, all DOINGS ever gets is the post card notice telling that there is GOING TO BE a meeting. For instance, there was going to be one on February 13 (and probably was one).

In the January issue, it was suggested that Secretary TED NOYES (M), what with being Secretary of the Chapter, and of the Convention Committee as well, not to mention being a member of the "flying squadron" which has been flitting all over the map, had his hands full, and that some other correspondent for DOINGS to cover the regular meetings should be assigned. Ted's reaction to that follows:

> Phil: On Page 13 of January DOINGS you mention my work in connection with the Convention, but d—— it, man, whereinell did you get that "Old Ted" business? I am thoroughly rejuvenated chasing both you and our National President who, even if he has lost ALL his hair has certainly discovered the Fountain of Youth wherein drive and force for YD are concerned. I do appreciate the idea of some one taking over the reporting of the meetings of the Worcester Chapter and hope that you won't be let down in the future.
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> Please make the "old" as above a correction in YANKEE DOINGS.

Okay, old man. (Ed.)

—P.N.S. (M)

PLYMOUTH

A charter has been granted to the Plymouth Chapter which now has the minimum requirement of ten members.

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the presentation of this charter, scheduled for the evening of February 27, had to be postponed; as every one of the National officers who had planned to go there were prevented by other important engagements.

A meeting of the Chapter was held on that evening however, and a slate of officers drawn up. DOINGS has not been informed of the selections.

NEW BEDFORD

....No news since the last issue. Don't drop the ball, boys, after the grand start last Fall. Wish we could get down to see you oftener and give you more of a lift. But there is so much new territory to be covered. We're behind you, strong, and please let DOINGS know what is going on.

CLINTON

On Thursday evening, December 6, V.P. CHARLIE DAILEY (M) *and* Sec. PHIL SANBORN (M) journeyed over some pretty terrible roads to Clinton to address a get-together meeting for the purpose of forming a YD Chapter there.

Twenty were present, all but two or three being former members of K Company, 101st Infantry. PETE SCHOFIELD, Regimental Commander of the 101st Infantry Association, as well as commander of the K Company unit, presided.

Dailey and Sanborn were joined by V.P. DAN JONES (M) and ERNIE PARENT (M) of Worcester in presenting the case of the Chapter, and those present were most receptive toward the idea, all signing the charter application, and taking a membership blank.

When ten or more of these blanks come home to roost, flapping two one dollar wings, we'll have a Chapter in Clinton. Pete Schofield promises to round 'em up, and he will.

Those present were: PETE SCHOFIELD, JAMES BLANCHFLOWER, MARTY O'TOOLE, WILLIAM G. BAER, JOHN S. O'TOOLE, EDWARD REDDY, CHARLES FISHER (M) (103rd Inf.), JAMES F. O'TOOLE, JIM MOHAN, GEORGE SCHOBERT (M), JIM MINIGAN, JOHN F. O'MALLEY, E. E. VATTES, ERNEST J. HOPFMAN, PAUL L. DEVANEY, PETER F. CONNELLY, GEORGE H. O'MALLEY, REGINALD BATES, ASA GORDON.

—P.N.S.

WEBSTER

An organization meeting was held in Webster, Mass., on February 26, with V.P. DAN JONES (M) and assistants from Worcester in charge. Results have not reached DOINGS up to press time.

ATTLEBORO

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a YD Chapter is to be held in the place of business of A. J. LALIBERTE (M) on Academy Street, Attleboro, on March 5.

Slated to turn on the heat are: Past National President C. BIRD KEACH (M), Sec. PHIL SANBORN (M), V.P. WIN LLOYD (M) and Treas. LEA REDFIELD (M).

LAWRENCE

Lawrence has set the date of March 25 to receive President LEN MALONEY (M) and other officers in an effort to revive the YD Club of Lawrence and start a thriving Chapter in that city.

MOPPING UP

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

I am out to assist DAN JONES (M) in his effort to establish more chapters. I have distributed several applications among the employes of Rutland Hospital, and you will be hearing from them. Dan is now waiting to hear from Pittsfield, where they want to organize.

—ERNIE PARENT (M)

Worcester, Mass.

RHODE ISLAND

Little Rhody seems to be the enigma in the YD landscape. With two of the finest officers in the whole circuit, "DOC" DEVINE (M) as National V.P. for the state, and Col. HAROLD BARKER (M) as President of the Rhode Island Chapter in Providence, it has gotten exactly nowhere during this year's phenomenal advance. Durned if we know whether it wants to play by itself, doesn't want to play at all, or just hasn't got around to it yet. Relations with National headquarters have been extremely cordial; all the old members have stuck with the ship and feel as kindly toward the Y.D.V.A. as ever. But very few new members have been obtained, and no new chapters have been organized.

However, they're having a big shindig down there in April, when the 103rd Field Artillery commemorates Seicheprey Day, and if all that energy can't be harnessed up to the big YD flywheel in a permanent organization, then we're mistaken.

SUMMARY

Chartered Chapters:
- Rhode Island State Chapter (Providence)

Being organized:
- None

Talk of organizing:
- Pawtucket (i.e. there was some talk of it at one time).

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER

No news since last issue, but several new members have drifted in.

CONNECTICUT

The Nutmeg State is still purring along in high, with a statewide meeting of all Chapters once a month, a state uniform adopted, all chapters holding regular meetings.

SUMMARY

Chartered Chapters:
- Norwalk
- New Milford
- Bridgeport
- Stamford
- Valley Chapter (Ansonia, Seymour, Shelton, Derby)
- Hartford
- New Haven
- Waterbury
- Manchester
- Meriden
- Terryville
- New Britain
- Middlesex County (Middletown)
- Bristol
- Wallingford
- Windham County (Willimantic)

Being organized:
- Torrington
- Norwich

Talk of organizing:
- Thompsonville
- Unionville

To be organized:
- Putnam

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

The regular January meeting, Dep't of Connecticut was held at Middletown on January 12, with (if our memory serves correctly) 135 present; at any rate, far and away the largest yet. Following the transaction of regular business, under the able guidance of Pres. AL. HERMAN (M), the Middletown boys put on a feed as was a feed, with venison stew and everything. (Rutland, please copy).

The February meeting, scheduled for Norwalk on the 9th, was all set to outdo anything that had gone before; the home town of the State President, the original YD Chapter in the state, and its own reputation for hospitality. Along came just about

the worst day of the winter, and in place of the 250 prepared for, just about 100 braved the icy roads, the snow turning to rain, and got there. Which is about as fine a demonstration of loyalty as we ever heard of.

Several matters of importance were discussed pro and con, but foremost and uppermost I think, was the discussion regarding the official uniform of the YD in Conn. Major MALONEY (M) and ALEC FLYNN (M) appeared in them. Some liked this and some liked that but on the whole I believe the uniform is an accepted fact as is. After the adjournment, the ladies of the auxiliary set us down to one of the finest feeds we have had to date with one exception. Baked beans, salads, and all the fixings, the ladies sure know how to put on their stuff. The enterprising business men presented each and every member of the YD in attendance, a rubber coaster, and plenty of razor blades. After the feed we proceeded home very carefully and arrived safely, but very tired. The next meeting will be held in Manchester, Conn., March 8, 1936.

NORWALK

During the past year Norwalk Chapter had two sad events. We regret to announce the death of the mother of Mrs. Henry Woods. Also on Friday, January 10th, at 6.30 P.M. the mother of SAM POLLEY (M) passed away.

Norwalk Chapter saw the old year out and the new year in, as guests of their genial hosts, Capt. BILL WHITNEY (M) his wife and daughter. And as the genial state secretary rested in a deep and cosy chair he turned over in his mind many happy thoughts, in fact he has turned out to be quite a poet (as I will show you later on). It was a good night's fun, and a splendid dinner was served to all present by the hosts. Some difficulty was experienced by some of the guests in starting their cars, but this was soon corrected by capable garage attendants.

AL HERMAN (M) won the weekly pistol shoot with 92 out of 100. It is just like Al, for it does not matter if it's the old YD, or his work as a cop, his whole heart and soul is in his work. We all know that he leads his department of the YD with membership which will be hard to beat. He leads his own chapter with new ideas, the incentive to go forward, always out after new or old members, always aiding those who are less fortunate than himself. On the go all of the time and the more he goes, and the more work he has for the old YD the more he likes it. This is the kind of man we like as our department president; that is the type of a man a chapter likes to lead them.

Such men will receive their just reward in due time, such men are few and far between, and it is just such men as Herman that one may place safely in the house by the side of the road, always a friend to man. —W.P.A. (M)

MERIDEN

An interesting meeting of the Meriden Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Association, was held in the city court room in city hall, where Sgt. FRANCIS J. HIGGINS (M) President, presided.

At this meeting WALTER BOARDMAN (M) was appointed chairman of the publicity committee.

It was also voted to meet regularly on the first Sunday of each month, and to conduct an intensive membership drive, with a view in mind of securing the signatures of all the 150 men eligible for membership. The officers of the Meriden chapter are particularly anxious that a large percentage of the membership attend the state meetings.

—K. PARKIN (M), *Secy.*

WATERBURY

Our club is doing well. We haven't made any money yet on our boxing bouts but we are getting a following and expect to pick up a few dollars from now on.

This morning we were burying Sergt. MICHAEL H. BOIKO, formerly A Company, 102nd Infantry, who committed suicide February 22nd. "Mike" had the Croix de Guerre and D.S.C. for gallantry in action at Marcheville and the Argonne.

Yesterday JERRY GRIFFIN (M) and TIM HARRIGAN went up to Newington and delivered cigarettes and greetings to GEO. WISCHERT (M), WHITTAKER, one other former member of the 102nd who are there.

"BUCK" CUNNINGHAM (M), who works for the Conn. L. & P. Co., formerly A Company, 102nd, is driving a flashy new car about town.

Major J. W. CARROLL (M) recently resigned as officer in charge of the local armory.

"NED" BALL, former Captain G Company, 102nd, works at Citizens & Mfrs. Nat. Bank and can be seen daily by any of the old timers visiting Waterbury.

—F.W.R. (M)

STAMFORD

The Stamford Chapter of the Y.D.V.A., which is a little over a year old, has planned to hold an entertainment to raise funds for the chapter treasury. The chapter has about 35 members. Its officers are: CALVIN MORRELL (M), President; ANDREW J. DALEY (M), Vice President; ALBERT BAKER (M), Vice President; HARRY DUNN, Chaplain; JOHN CAVOLICK (M), Sec. and Treas.; JOHN NILSON, (M), Trustee; TIMOTHY SULLIVAN (M), Trustee; VINCENT CALLAHAN (M), Publicity.

CARL PAIGHT (M), JERRY CALLAHAN (M) and BEN PITMAN (M), Committee in charge of show.

ENTERTAINMENT

The official war pictures of the YD, taken by Col. EDWIN H. COOPER (M), in France, will be shown at the Stamford Theater, with Col. Cooper giving his well known accompanying lecture as they

are shown. The performance will start with a bugler in uniform on the stage blowing "Assembly" and the National, State and YD flags with color guards paraded. Then those former unit commanders, officers and men who received decorations known to be present will be presented. Major MALONEY (M) will be presented as National President of the Y.D.V.A., and he will in turn present Col. Cooper. Following the showing of the war pictures, there will be a short film, probably a farce, touching on the subject of war. At the conclusion of the entertainment th audience will be asked to stand and remain silent while the bugler blows "Taps" in memory of the dead.

DATE

The show will be held on Sunday afternoon, Easter Sunday, April 12th, and the time has been set for 2:30 P.M.

PLACE

The Stamford Theatre, where the show will be held is on Atlantic Street, Stamford, about three hundred yards from the main square. The use of the theatre has been donated by the management, the only expenses to the Association being the lights and pay to the regular theatre employees who will be on duty.

OFFICIAL GUESTS

The following is a partial list of YD and other prominents who have been, and will be invited to be present and participate in the event:

Col. JOHN H. PARKER (M), Accepted; C. O. 102 Inf.
Major LEN MALONEY (M), Accepted; Chairman Y.D.V.A.
V. P. AL. HERMAN (M), Accepted; V. P. for Conn. Y.D.V.A.
The Mayor of Stamford, Accepted; (A. N. Phillips, Jr., a veteran)
Col. ALDEN TWACHTMAN; C. O. 103 F. A.
Major BILL CORUM (N. Y); Pres. N. Y. Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

This list is far from complete. It will include all of the available luminaries within motoring distance.

ADVANCE TICKET SALE

The house holds 1200 people. The tickets will be advertised by posters, newspaper publicity, announcements at all of the nearby chapter and state meetings, through contacts with fraternal, veteran and National Guard organizations, the High Schools, large business organizations, etc. The tickets will be sold for 50c each, which will include tax. The entire chapter will constitute itself a sales committee. As the money is collected for the tickets it will be placed in the Chapter bank account, and paid out to cover the expenses by the proper authorities.

In the event of the advance sale going along at such a pace that the tickets for the afternoon performance are virtually sold out a week in advance of the date, it is planned to hold a second performance in the evening at some other hall or auditorium in Stamford.

The Mayor of Stamford has placed at the disposal of the committee a broadcasting automobile trailer, called "The Voice of the People" which is the property of the city.

The cooperation of the local newspapers has been promised.

The cooperation of the Norwalk and Bridgeport chapters has been promised at the state meeting held at Norwalk on Sunday, April 9th.

Tickets, if any are still available, will be sold at the theatre before and during the performance. They will also be available through the committee (care of CARL PAIGHT (M), Stamford Police Dept.)

ESTIMATED RESULTS

Estimated Receipts from sale of tickets	$600
Estimated Total Expenses	200
Estimated Profit for Chapter Treasury	$400

—B. P. (M)

VALLEY CHAPTER

Ansonia—Derby—Shelton—Seymour

Valley Chapter hold their meetings the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 8:00 P.M. at the State Armory in Ansonia. All YD Veterans are invited to drop in at any or all of these meetings. The last meeting three new members were added to our membership list, we hope to do better next month. The new members were namely WOODMAN MARTINEZ (M), (G Co., 102nd Inf.), GEORGE BENTZ (M), (G Co., 102nd Inf.), and ANTONIO GIORDANO (M), (Batt. E., 102nd F. A.).

It was voted to set aside Tuesday, March 3rd, as initiation night and a large class, we hope, will be initiated at this meeting. A social hour followed our last meeting. BILL JONES (M) was absent from the last meeting; we will let you know why in the next issue. PAUL JOHNSON (M), who has been ill, was able to be present. Glad to see you and your pleasant smile again.

The chapter held a dance Thanksgiving Eve. Our National President, Len Maloney, and Mrs. Maloney, President Al. Herman and Mrs. Herman, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael McDermott attended and helped to put it over with a bang. In fact everyone had such a good time that we have been asked to put on another one, a Valentine dance February 14th, which if all plans mature will be held in Henry Smith's Barn at Beacon Falls—Music by Geo. Norton's Orchestra — Tickets — 35c. Chairman John Moran has made arrangements for refreshments.

JACK HUNIHAN (M)
Secretary.

WALLINGFORD

Our regular meeting was held on Tuesday, February 14th, and it was the most interesting meeting we have had as yet. There were thirteen members present, but we are not superstitious and we all remained

and completed the evening's business. Our eventual goal is to acquire the signatures of all available members in this locality, and enough names were dug up from memory to accomplish this I believe. However, we hope to have a surprise for the Norwalk-Stamford meeting.

We opened our meeting at 8:15 P.M. with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by the secretary, followed by the Treasurer's report, and we are pleased to state that we are started on a good financial basis, the Turkey Raffle giving us our first start. Next on the program was the correspondence from National and State Headquarters, and we want to state here that the boys are getting real interested in the Worcester Convention. We hope to have a fair representation there. Some discussion regarding the donation to the "Carroll Swan Fund"; however it was tabled till next meeting. It was, however, decided to donate our 50 cents per capita to National to aid in the printing of YANKEE DOINGS. We have also a plan which we hope will mature, that of helping us to secure our uniforms, but the ideas have been put in charge of an able committee comprised of ED. STEARNS (M), BILL BERTINI (M) and CHARLIE SMITH (M). They will report at the next meeting. After light refreshments the meet adjourned till next time.

—W. M. LORING (M)
Secretary.

NEW HAVEN

Up and coming! One hundred and five members paid in to Boston and membership plans are well in hand for the new fiscal year. In other words don't worry about New Haven.

Meetings during January were combined business and social affairs. The first meeting of the month—"German Night"—was a big success. IRV DORMAN's (M) committee of "Dutchmen" did a swell job. With FRED SABINE (M) acting as cook, a big batch of pigs knuckles and sauerkraut was prepared. And did the gang go for that feed! Ask JOHN HENRY "MACHINE GUN" PARKER (M). He had three servings. Of course there was pumpernickel bread. A brief business meeting preceded the dinner and as a night cap, beer and some high-powered pictures were offered.

As the time for the 1936 Convention draws near the boys seem to be emerging from their winter hibernation and displaying greater interest in the doings of the Y.D.V.A. in these parts. Although the weather has been against us in the past few months, enough of the gang have rallied around our National President, despite the elements, to attend most of the meetings, installations, and dinners in surrounding towns of the state.

A delegation from this chapter attended the State Dept. meeting on Sunday, February 9th, at Norwalk, even though we were almost buried under snow and ice and the going was terrible.

The following Sunday this same group attended the annual dinner of the Manchester Club which was held at the Villa Louise, a trip of several miles up into the mountains beyond the city of Manchester. The driving on this occasion wasn't much better than that of the previous Sunday but we all arrived home safe and sound after having a real good time.

President Haggerty has appointed FRANK LEE (M) Membership Chairman, and he in turn has appointed the following men to his Committee:

LEONARD J. MALONEY (M), FRED SABINE (M), JOHN DEMAYO (M), ALEX FLYNN (M), PETER GEENTY (M), HUGH FOSTER (M), EDMUND MCLAUGHLIN (M), JOHN WELCH (M), JOSEPH PARK (M), EDWARD LARSEN (M), and JOSEPH BENSON (M).

These men are all active YD men and the chairman is assured of results, both in new members and re-ups. By the way, boys, your dues to 1937 are payable any time now; let's not wait until Convention Day to pay this small amount which you intend to pay anyway. Mail your checks to Frank Lee and help us to show 100% at the start of our fiscal year, which is April 1st. Also in accordance with the special bargain rate now in effect, all new members will be paid up to April 1st, 1937.

Each of our "Nationality Nights" is bringing together more of the members than the preceding one and each "Night" the committee gives the following one something to shoot at.

Our next social, to be held on the night of March 12th, will be "Convention Night", with Len Maloney as chairman, and we will have some of the members of the Worcester Flying Squadron here to tell us just what to expect on June 26-27-28.

The chairman of our "Italian Night" committee certainly extended himself and put on an exceptionally good time with a genuine Italian meal. But then anyone knowing JACK DEMAYO (M) and the members he had on his committee, knew that they could be relied upon as usual to do their stuff.

Authentic figures show that both of our Presidents, MALONEY (M) and HAGGERTY (M), went back for thirds on the spaghetti and sausage, but that is not to be snickered at as everyone present had his fill.

The efforts of Jack DeMayo and his committee were greatly appreciated by the members.

The Secretary had plenty of bonus applications on hand and several of the brothers were taken care of in this respect.

ALEX FLYNN (M) appeared at this meeting in the newly adopted State uniform and favorable comment on the choice of the uniform committee was heard from all sides. Flynn is the energetic chairman of the State committee on uniforms and has worked hard at it.

MIKE MCDERMOTT (M) showed several reels of motion pictures after the feed and refreshments.

Although the weather was very bad, it did not hinder BOB DUDLEY (M) from driving twelve miles from North Branford to attend. How about that you big sissies who live close by and "couldn't come on account of the weather".

The second meeting of the month found a dozen hardy souls braving sub-zero temperature, including President JIM HAGGERTY (M) and Historian JOE PARK (M). Plans for the membership drive were discussed and it was decided to turn over about a dozen names to each of the old reliables. Names will be of both re-ups and prospects. Authority was voted the uniform committee headed by Alec Flynn (M) to proceed with the raffle of a complete man's wardrobe donated to the chapter by Congress Clothes, Inc. Eighty per cent of the ticket sales of each member will go toward his uniform account. President MALONEY (M) and Alec already have their new uniforms.

New Haven was well represented at the State Department meeting in Middletown in January. And an even dozen of the boys journey to Springfield to attend the party staged there for the national president. New Haven's next nationality night will be "Italian Night" on February 13th. A large group will attend the next state meeting to be staged jointly at Norwalk under the joint auspices of the Norwalk and Stamford Clubs.

—F. P. L. (M)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

NOW KNOWN AS

COL. JOHN HENRY PARKER CHAPTER, Y.D.V.A., OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MIDDLETOWN, CONN.

Here is news that is news, for Middletown has taken the "Believe it or not" initiative, and got the jump on all the rest of Connecticut, in that they have chosen no less a personage than our own lovable and kindly old gentleman, Col. PARKER (M), as the one person in Connecticut to be honored chapterwise. There is to my mind no man more worthy, and it certainly is a pleasure to all the "Yanks" in Y.D.V.A. to know that he has been so honored. Here is what happened:

At the last meeting of the chapter it was unanimously voted, to change the name of the chapter, to be the "Col. John Henry Parker Chapter", for we believe that a man should be honored while he is living. In appreciation of his outstanding personality and sterling character, combined with masterful leadership, in making the 102nd Infantry the best in the A.E.F., we so honor him.

The meeting of the state department combined forces with the National Executive Comm. here on Sun., Jan. 12th, and up to the last minute the committee in charge thought that they would have to serve mulligan stew, or something of that sort, but one of our former sgts. came to the rescue. He succeeded in bagging a deer, either within the confines of this state (or some other, we hope, for his sake), and the day was saved, for we served "Venison a la King" and believe you me it sure was good. "I'll say it was, I had two helpings"—R.B.K. The cooks were "Gold Star Mothers": Mrs. Mary Clark Bennett, Mrs. Thos. Eckersley, Mrs. Thos. Shea, Mrs. John Hudec and Mrs. Annette Kolinsky, the two latter ones being the wives of prominent chapter members.

Since the last meeting five new members have been added, and it looks as if the promise I made to AL HERMAN (M) was going to come true, for since the "Bonus Bill" has been passed several new members have promised to join. I suppose that the same condition exists here as everywhere else in that men join, accept an office, and then fail to show up to keep the ball rolling. I believe that a man who will join an outfit, accept an office, and then quit, is in the same class as Grover Bergdoll. But let us hope that if they see this, their conscience will bother them and they will show up once in a while.

In conclusion, let me state that if these men knew of the bigger and better times that we are having at the State Meetings, and the progress and enthusiasm that is being shown about the Convention and the state wide activities, they would break their necks to get to one of these meetings. Let's all show the women folks who it is that "wears the pants" in our house, and every Mother's Son of you show up at the next State Meeting. Let's make YD an organization that your wives will be proud of, one that they can say, "My husband is a YD man," and not all wait till they see our uniforms.

J. C. KOLINSKY (M)

BRIDGEPORT

National President LEN MALONEY (M) may have been the honored guest at a meeting of Bridgeport Chapter at Yellow Mill Lodge on January 22, but it was "Doc" CHARLES SPRAGUE (M) who got the headlines. You know how these newspaper photographers are: "Now, just one more, please; now, hold it just a minute." Finally the Doc lost a little patience. Said he, "What do you want me to do, stand on my head?" "Yes, yes," yelled the gang. And darned if he didn't! And double darned if they didn't print the picture!

Speakers were President GEORGE WATT (M), of Bridgeport Chapter. DICK BARLOW (M), Dr. SPRAGUE (M), LEN MALONEY (M), and AL HERMAN (M), and HUGH FOSTER (M), Dept. Sgt. at Arms, the occasion being a testimonial dinner to the President on his annual visit to the chapter.

A grand time was enjoyed, and Bridgeport lived up to its reputation as a perfect host in all YD affairs.

HARTFORD

Activities have again started and we hope all of the members had a good time at the Legion Home

on January 16th. A fairly good representation of YD men showed up and from reports gathered around town the party was a success.

During the month of January we placed in the hands of former YD men a copy of YANKEE DOINGS, an application and a personal letter from ED. MILLER (M), our chapter president. We hope these will be used and that before the next issue we can report a great increase in membership. This is your organization and it's up to you to make it grow and we expect the cooperation of all YD men in helping us put this membership drive across.

Saturday, February 8, was the date of Hartford Chapter's largest and most successful gathering to date, the annual visit of the National officers. One hundred and thirty sat down to dinner in the State Armory which left nothing to be desired. President ED MILLER (M) presented as Master of Ceremonies Col. "MIKE" CONNORS (M), State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, who introduced the several guests in his own sparkling style.

First honors went easily to a Grand Old Man of the G.A.R. (DOINGS regrets that the notes of the meeting recording his name, have been mislaid), who urged the Yankee Division to stand together for all the things that are finest and best in American life. Other speakers were President LEN MALONEY (M), Treasurer LEA REDFIELD (M), State V. P. AL HERMAN (M), Col. PARKER (M), TOM W. BROWN (M), and one or two gentlemen who spoke extemporaneously from the floor without bothering to give their names. AL HERMAN (M) literally swept all before him in an address of ringing sincerity for a bigger and better Y.D.V.A.

A feature of the evening was the presentation to President MALONEY (M) of twenty new members, putting Hartford definitely in second place to Boston in membership, over the heads of New Haven, Lynn and Lowell.

Your Secretary wishes he could be a guest and a good reporter at the same time, but the dual assignment seems to be a little too much. It was a perfectly splendid meeting, filled with the old spirit, and deserves much more space and the mention of many more names. But alas, we were so busy enjoying ourserves that we didn't bother with notes, and the whole picture is now jumbled up with a dozen other visits to a dozen other cities during the past six weeks.

The old reliables: JOE GAUTHIER (M) and TED NOYES (M) were on hand to turn on the Convention spigot.

One of the pleasantest features was the fact that it wasn't a 102nd Infantry meeting wholly, all outfits commingling in real YD fraternity.

All praise to ED MILLER (M) and his aides in placing Hartford high up in the parade.

Enough credit could never be given to ED. LAMB (M), Controller of the City of Hartford, for the wonderful spread he furnished for the boys and as remarks were heard during the supper and afterwards on the street it was just what could be expected with Ed furnishing the feed for it was another occasion when he really outdid the time before and we hope that we can persuade him to do it again for us in the near future.

—P. N. S. (M)

MANCHESTER

Manchester Chapter held a dance on February 18. Except for the fact that we have heard it was a great success, DOINGS has received no details.

TERRYVILLE

Little Terryville, with its seventeen members, loyal through and through, was first to come in with its 50 cents per capita advance dues on account as voted by the National Executive Committee at Middletown; and the only one to date, although Stamford sent in the 50 cents of eight members. Thanks, a heap, fellas.

MONT SEC CHAPTER—BRISTOL

We have little to report this month due to inclement weather and what not, but the Bingo Games are still in progress, and with the help of God and a little fair weather, we might possibly make a few dollars. With the coming of spring we will have more to report. However, ART NELSON (M) and HENRY COTE (M) and myself, attended the testimonial dinner given in honor of Brig. Gen. JAMES A. HAGGERTY (M), at the Hotel Taft, on Sat., Feb. 29th. A dandy affair roundly attended by the military in all their splendor. "Jim" you all know is Pres. of New Haven chapter. A purse, or chest of silver (not tableware) but silver dollars was presented. A very nice time. —R. B. K. (M)

NOT REPORTED IN THIS ISSUE

New Britain, New Milford, Willimantic.

OUTSIDE NEW ENGLAND

The big event of the month in the field outside the six New England states has been the presentation of a charter to the New York City Chapter on February 10. Other features were the visit of the National President to Chicago Chapter on January 14, and of the President and Secretary to Washington Chapter on February 11.

SUMMARY:

Chartered Chapters:

- Washington
- Southern California (Los Angeles)
- Chicago

New York
Being organized:
None
Talk of organizing:
Detroit
Cleveland

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

It is my sad duty in this news letter to report the deaths of both a friend and a member of the YD Club of Southern California.

Mrs. Clara D. Locke, widow of Capt. ARTHUR F. LOCKE, (M Co., 102nd Inf.), who was killed at Seicheprey, died at Pasadena on January 23rd, and M. ALLEN POLLEY, (E Co., 101st Engineers), passed away at his home in Los Angeles on February 3rd.

Mrs. Locke, who formerly lived in Hartford, Connecticut, had been interested in the success of the Southern California Chapter since it was organized. She attended many of our functions and after her return from France two years ago came to our meeting with a most interesting account of her visit to the American cemeteries and the grave of Captain Locke.

Funeral services were held at Pasadena on January 25th, at 11:00 A.M., with burial private.

ALLEN POLLEY had been in poor health for a long time with tuberculosis, but had worked as contact man for the Central Employment Bureau for Veterans. The direct cause of his death was a heart attack on the morning of February 3rd. Funeral services were held at the Hollywood Cemetery under the auspices of Edward L.Doheny Post, American Legion, of which he was the organizer and first Commander.

Several YD men attended the services and floral tributes were sent to both. The Yankee Division was also represented at a Memorial Service held in honor of Mrs. Locke by the Arthur F. Locke Post, D. A. V., at Altadena, on February 6th.

Regular meetings of the YD Club of Southern California were held on February 5th and 19th, followed by after-meeting chow.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on February 12th, at which plans were made to hold a Card Party under the auspices of the Ways and Means Committee on March 18th.

Tentative plans were also made for the reception of National President, LEN MALONEY (M), when he visits this Chapter in May.

As the Yankee Division had no special event planned for Washington's Birthday, several of the members attended a Dinner Dance at the South Pasadena Post, American Legion, of which our President, ARCHIE BRADLEY (M), was the chairman.

Presenting "General Orders No. 10" which announced his relief from duty in the Hawaiian Sector and assignment for temporary duty with the Southern California Chapter, Y.D.V.A., LEON F. DENIS (M) (Headquarters, 104th Inf.), arrived at this PC on February 22nd.

Leon has been referred to as the "one man Chapter" and he certainly is an enthusiastic YD booster.

His plans at the moment are indefinite but we hope it will be possible for him to stay in Los Angeles long enough to attend our next meeting, at least, and give us an account of his service in Hawaii.

—G. K. M. (M)

CHICAGO

Orphans no longer are the members of the YD Club of Chicago. We've been adopted by LEN MALONEY (M), President of the Y.D.V.A., who visited us January 14. Heretofore we felt as though we belonged only by correspondence. We felt something of the inferiority complex of the correspondence school detective, when meeting the real thing. This is all changed.

President Maloney's visit gave the YD Club a great psychological lift. He told us a lot of things we've always wanted to know about the work of the Association, its problems, its progress, and its outstanding personalities. Things we were vaguely curious about but never had occasion to put into queries.

This information was valuable, but even more important was our impression of Len Maloney. We found him a real buddy of the old school, and yet a natural, effortless leader. Some of us spent the whole day with him, meeting him at the train, setting him up in his hotel and on until the small hours. Others joined him at lunch at the Union League Club, accompanied him to Hines Hospital, where five YD patients were visited; still more turned out for dinner at the Illinois Athletic Club, and later at one of the largest meetings we have ever had.

Two new members were signed up as a result of President Maloney's visit. They were B. R. CLEMENT (M), (Bat. A., 103rd F. A.), and E. V. CLUTTERHAM (M), (Co. A, 102nd Inf.)

President Maloney aroused a lot of interest in the coming Annual Convention in Worcester, Mass., June 26, 27 and 28. Catching his enthusiasm, we can understand why the New Haven meeting, which he promoted, was the most successful in YD history. The YD Club of Chicago had three representatives at New Haven. It is likely to have eight at Worcester.

Those who asked for registration blanks were: JOHN F. MCNULTY (M), (Bat. B., 102 F.A.); JOHN J. LEE (M), (Co. A, 103rd Inf.); J. H. MCCANN (M), (Co. D, 101st Engineers); T. H. SHEPPARD (M), (Co. A, 102nd Machine Gun Battn.); E. D. O'CONNELL (M), (Co. L., 102nd Inf.); R. A. USHER (M), (Bat. A, 103rd F.A.); W. D. CROWELL (M), (M. G. Co., 101st Inf.), and by proxy, FRANK FOLEY (M), (Co. F, 102nd Inf.). Comrade Foley was in Washington, D. C., on business. There was some talk about getting the famous YD transport pilot, TED NOYES (M), to fly the whole outfit to Worcester.

A special membership drive committee was appointed, with Comrade McCann (M) as chairman. The other members are: Thurston B. Wilson (M), (104th Ambulance Co.); Comrade Clement (M), Herman Glawe (M), (Co. C, 102nd Inf.), and Comrade Crowell (M). When the sub-zero blast goes away from here, they expect to round up a lot of new members to take advantage of the extended period of membership available to recruits who pay dues now.

President Maloney gave us plenty to talk about for a long time. Many were the little things he did and said to make us feel as though we really belong. One of these startled your correspondent, who happens also to be Secretary of the Club. Len stopped in the middle of a speech and turned to your correspondent and reeled off our street address—8143 Manistee Ave. He said it was an easy number to remember, but his remembering it was just one of those many little things that won us to Maloney. We are thinking of running him for President of the United States.

Costos Mellas, president of the George Dilboy Memorial Foundation, was overjoyed to receive word from President Maloney that the executive committee of the Y.D.V.A. has endorsed the Dilboy project. Dilboy was one of the outstanding heroes of the Division, and will be honored by the erection of a national monument at Hines Hospital. The fund will be subscribed largely by Greeks, Dilboy's countrymen, in the United States, but contributions from other patriots of the division will not be rejected.

Comrade Lee (M) at Christmas time visited eight YD veterans in Hines hospital, with remembrances from the club. Those confined at the time were W. H. Gray, Oscar Staley (M), Louis Camillo, 104 Ambulance, George A. Matosk, (101st Engineers), Neil J. Hennesy, Louis E. Gillings (103rd M. G. Co.), W. H. Kolck (104th Inf.), and Robert Bush (103rd M. G. Co.)

Any YD men going to Hines should announce themselves to Costos Mellas, veterans hospital chairman, who has volunteered to act as a special guardian of YD interests, and T. D. Driscoll (Co. I, 103rd Inf.), of the commissary department.

The regular meeting on February 11 was "Bonus Application Night," and many an application was filled out for members of the Chapter, Ernest Kentwortz certifying them as a notary public. Nominations for officers were made from the floor. (More on that later.)

On February 14, R. Allen Usher (M) of Paramount pictures gave a movie show to the boys at Hines Hospital.

Clarence A. Bush (M), Secretary.

WASHINGTON

The January meeting of the YD Club of Washington held on the 30th at the offices of Harriman & Keech through the courtesy of John Caswell (M), a member of that firm, had the largest attendance in years.

Queenin (M) outlined plans formulated for plac- of the footstone on the grave of General Edwards on February 2nd by the American War Mothers, Massachusetts Chapter. The reports rendered by squad leaders Golden (M), Herman (M), Caswell (M), Carson (M), Hutchins (M) and St. Peter (M) were very favorable. Members and non-members contacted gave encouraging replies. Several new members made their appearance at the meeting and were signed up. Again Col. M. E. Locke (M) is the first to pay dues although his dues were already paid to April, 1936. He holds membership card No. 1 for 1936-37 and Byron Carson (M) No. 2. Our troubles would be over if this spirit prevailed with all YD men in Washington.

The nominating committee, composed of Al. Bartram (M), Byron Carson (M) and Dave Herman (M), after weeks of deliberation, gave birth to the following slate. Gentlemen! your officers for the year 1936-37!

John Caswell, Jr., (M), President; David Herman (M), 1st Vice President; Joseph Wilner (M), 2nd Vice President; Levi St. Peter (M), 3rd Vice President; Paul (Dusty) Rhodes (M), Secretary; Raymond Queenin (M), Treasurer.

Directors for two years:

Paul Hutchins (M), Karl Standish (M), Wm. G. Nicholson (M).

All were elected without a dissenting vote, and were duly installed at the Annual Banquet, Dance and Installation of Officers, February 11.

We were sorry to learn that Raymond Voigt (M) is confined to the Veterans Administration Hospital at Mt. Alto in Washington. We hope he may be able to attend the banquet.

Present at the meeting were Paul Hutchins (M), President; Byron Carson (M), Treasurer; Levi St. Peter (M), Secretary; Dave Herman (M), Alfred Bartram (M), Raymond Mintz (M), Karl Standish (M), Joseph Wilner (M), Chester Bradley (M), John Caswell (M), Samuel Zussman (M), Nate Golden (M), Paul Rhodes (M), James Morgan (M), George Moran, Edgar Williams, Harry Argyross, Raymond Queenin (M), and Frank Foley (M) of the Chicago Chapter.

The meeting adjourned at a late hour to the Cherry Blossom Cafe for refreshments.

—L. W. S. (M)

Tuesday evening, February 11, was the gala occasion of the year for Washington Chapter, the night of the Annual Banquet and reception to the National officers of the Y.D.V.A.

This year the National Press Club was the locale, and this being the fourth visit in as many consecutive nights for the poor National officers, casualties had decimated their ranks to only the President and Secretary; albeit *those* redoubtable and indomitable two, Joe Gauthier (M) and Ted Noyes (M)

of the Worcester Convention Committee, showed up fresh as two daisies, having driven all the way over roads like glass, stopping in Hartford Saturday night, then on to New York; Norwalk Sunday; the big New York get-together Monday night, then hauling out at midnight and making Philly in the wee hours, and on to Washington in time for the Banquet.

We'll have it known, brothers and comrades, that the Annual Banquet of the YD Club of Washington, is, and always has been, some affair. Everybody dons their drinkin' suits, and the ladies come decked out in their finest. We've seen the time when there were enough Senators and Congressmen present to hold a caucus, and the Secretary of War too.

This year there weren't quite so many from Capitol Hill, but the affair had its eclat and elan all the same, all the way from RAY QUEENIN (M) in stiff bosom at the door with his inseparable briar pipe, holding up Cong. BILLY CONNERY (M) for his ticket right up to the delightful humorous address of the gracious and charming Congress"man" from Arizona, Mrs. Isabella Greenway, widow of our own Col. JOHN GREENWAY.

Other speakers were Gen. SIMONDS (M), Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, who told affectionately of his association with General EDWARDS; Congressman BILLY CONNERY, who was busier than a St. Vitus victim with ants in his so-and-sos between acting as perennial toastmaster and running to the other end of the hall for the never-to-be-missed "Road to Verdun"; President LEN MALONEY (M), Chapter President PAUL HUTCHINS (M), Mrs. Corabelle G. Francis, Nat. Historian, American War Mothers, President-elect JOHN CASWELL (M), Secretary PHIL SANBORN (M), JOE GAUTHIER (M) and TED NOYES (M), Congressman Shanley of Connecticut. (Where was CARROLL REECE?)

Many other familiar faces were seen, but most of 'em were mentioned by LEVI ST. PETER (M) in his list of "those present" at the January meeting (see above).

The officers elected at that time were duly and properly installed with full ceremony by Pres. MALONEY (M), the newly adopted ritual for installation meeting with the approval and applause of all present.

After the meeting, dancing, confabs and trips to the bar were enjoyed until all hours.

The two MORAN'S (Jimmy and George of Coogan's Bluff fame) were on hand, very much on hand. Competitive singing between the Infantry, Engineers and the Artillery was won by the Infantry—in volume anyway. GRAY CARSON (M) had that faraway look that has become famous on fishing trips or should I say "put-away" look.

A recruit from Baltimore discovered some time ago by an expedition to that suburb, FRANK A. SPARROW (M), ex-machine gunner, was on hand and we hope he'll find his way over often.

The YD Club of Boston very kindly loaned us their Colors for this event and they added just the right touch to the banquet hall.

Major BURTON HARRINGTON (103rd F.A.), who died in New York, Feb. 15th, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Monday morning, Feb. 17th, with full military honors. Past President PAUL HUTCHINS (M), Secretary PAUL RHODES (M) and Treasurer RAY QUEENIN (M) of the YD Club of Washington represented the Yankee Division.

Representative Isabella Greenway has very graciously invited the Washington Club to a Buffet Supper in her home in April. This should be an outstanding event in the Club's history.

A fishing Party on Chesapeake Bay is already being planned. The Boys like 'em—except there's always some damn-fool who wants to fish.

It is hoped that the Washington Club will be well represented in Worcester next June. Some of the boys have already registered and we're working on some of the others.—After all Worcester isn't so far away and we won't live forever—So what the Hell.

—PAUL (DUSTY) RHODES (M)
Secretary

NEW YORK

At last a chartered Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. in New York city is a reality. With fitting pomp and ceremony, the charter was presented in the "Rumpus Room" of the Seventh Regiment Armory on Park Avenue, on the evening of February 10.

The following officers were installed by President LEN MALONEY (M):

President: BILL CORUM (101st Inf.) (By proxy, he being in Florida)
Vice President: BEN PITMAN (M) (Hq., 26th Div.)
Secretary: TED SCHOONMAKER (M) (104th Inf.)
Treasurer: FRED BROWN (M)

(DOINGS regrets that the Chapter has forwarded no list of the other officers, and their names were not recorded on the occasion of their installation).

The YD Chapter in the world's metropolis is off to a flying start, approximately 35 having already definitely affiliated themselves with it, and a potential membership of over 100 without lifting a finger but merely absorbing the many members-at-large which the Y.D.V.A. has had for years in Greater New York.

In addition to all these, there are believed to be fully 300 more eligibles in the New York area, and the active and aggressive officers of the Chapter are already setting forth to find them and bring them in.

The affair on February 10 was just about one of the pleasantest gatherings your correspondent has attended in his perigrinations about the face of the earth this winter. Between twenty and thirty sat down to dinner together at the Armory, which, in case you don't know, is more like one of the finest clubs imaginable than an armory—only we have yet to see a clubhouse that could hold a candle to the

magnificence and opulence of that place. The dinner was faultless and faultlessly served. Among the New York group present were: Ted Schoonmaker (M), Eddie Nelson (M) (formerly of Boston), Julius Fedel (M), Jim Hurley (M), Fred Brown (M), Hugh O'Connor (M) and others whose names we knew at the time, but have since eluded our memory. Among the "visiting firemen" were Pres. Maloney (M), Sec. Sanborn (M), Guy Watts (LM) and Al Thomson (M) from the Boston Club, Al Herman (M) from Norwalk, Ben Pitman (M) and Johnny Cavolick (M) from Stamford; Joe Gauthier (M) and Ted Noyes (M) from Worcester.

Adjourning to the "Rumpus Room", a real old fashioned dug-out if ever there was one, with weathered board walls and ceiling, and red-check covered tables, this group was joined by many others, of which we can remember only a few, Russ Livermore (M), Ernest Kluge (M), Joseph Greenberg (M) and probably twenty more.

In the absence of President-elect Bill Corum, Vice President Ben Pitman (M) conducted the meeting and received the charter from the hands of the National President, who then proceeded to install the officers according to form. All of the visitors from out of town were called on to speak, the palm going to Al Herman (M) who can sure make a speech that is nobody's business.

The meeting eventually broke up in a regular gab-fest around the piano, and New York is properly baptized and all set to go places.

—P. N. S. (M)

This Department has been falling down badly of late. Of course, one reason is that the Yankee Division is slowly and gradually falling more and more into a geographical line-up of local Chapters, each of which is composed of men of a variety of different old outfits. But that doesn't account for it all; the veteran associations of many of the old wartime regiments and battalions—even companies—are still alive and functioning as well as ever. Reunions of regiments, batteries and companies are still being held; and after all, no matter how successful and active the many local chapters of the Y.D.V.A. may become, it is the name of the "Old Outfit" with which we served that still brings the thrill when we encounter it in print.

So Yankee Doings beseeches every reader who is active in his regimental association, who attends a dinner or reunion of his old company or battery, who meets from day to day men who served with him in France, to grab a piece of paper and a pen, and let us have the news. Without this tie between the past and the present Doings would lose half its value.

We apologize for the poor showing made here this month, and hope with the assistance of readers it will be greatly improved. Fine as it is for the fellows in Portland, Springfield, Chicago or New Haven to read what they already know, about meetings of the month which they have already attended, it isn't quite equal to running across the name of some fellow "out of my own company" whom I haven't set eyes on in fifteen years.

SEE YOU IN QUINCY
APRIL 24 and 25

The "City of the Presidents" will welcome you with open arms at the Seventeenth Annual Reunion of the 104th Infantry Veterans Association on April 24 and 25.

A prize of $50.00 donated by Wollaston Post 295, American Legion, for the unit having the largest percentage of advance registrations on or before April 20. Help your Company to win this award by sending your registration of $2.00 to Ralph Colby, 29 Lafayette St., Quincy, Mass., before April 20.

A guidon is being presented to the 104th Infantry Veterans Association, A.E.F., to be carried in the parade by the unit having the largest percentage of registrations by 12:00 noon, Saturday, April 25.

Program

Friday, April 24

12:00 Noon to Midnight. Registration.
4:00 P.M. Meeting of Exective Committee. (Place to be announced).
7:00 P.M. to . Company Banquets.
9:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. Military Ball. State Armory.

Saturday, April 25

12:00 Noon. A real South Shore fish crowder dinner with all the fixin's.

2:00 P.M. PARADE. The shortest ever, less than 1½ miles.

8:00 P.M. Something different. A real show and sports. Something that the ladies can enjoy.

There will be plenty of sidelights; chances to visit historical places, and all that:

Birthplace of President John Adams and John Quincy Adams, the "Dorothy Q" House, Adams mansions and tombs, the first railway in America, Fore River Shipyard, granite quarries, etc., etc.

A real time is in store for you. For further information write GEORGE E. MCKENNA, General Chairman, 59 Putnam St., Quincy, Mass.

Headquarters—Capt. TOM BRASSIL (M) has been in the Chelsea Soldiers Home Hosp. with pneumonia but is better and expects to be out soon. TOP REGAN (M) who is on the Board of Governors of the Club is holding his own. MAL MORRISON (M) has just been appointed a regular in the P.O. KEN MORRISON spends most of his evenings playing Bridge at the Club. ED CHISHOLM (M) never misses a Smoker. FRANK CONLAN (M) had his picture in the paper a short time ago for helping capture an escaped convict. EASTABROOK (M) and TOM KILMARTIN drop in about once a week. HARRY ROCHE was in the hospital a short while but is out again. ED SHANAHAN (M) had an arrival a few months ago. NORMAN MACKAY (M) was just elected Selectman of Watertown, Mass.

MEDICAL:—GEORGE SLATER is reported back from the West where he has been travelling for the past ten years. Dr. WESSELHOEFT (M) was at the last Smoker. JOCK FRASER attended a meeting of the P. O. Post of the Legion and has promised to join.

SUPPLY:—JOHN HOLDEN (M) is still on the force at Melrose and drops in when he is in town. PHILIP MCDONALD (M) signed up some time ago.

MACHINE GUN:—GEORGE CURTIN, WALLY DAY (M), EDDIE HOLMES (M) and FRANK SPOONER (M) hardly ever miss a meeting. BILL MAHONEY works for the El and his promise to join has not materialized as yet. ANDY SHEA (M) reports when he is around. GEORGE WHITE (M) keeps in touch with us.

Co. A.:—GEORGE SANFORD and RALPH MURRAY are about the only two we see much of at the Boston Club but met Lt. LEONARD (M) and Capt. BARNETT at the New York Chapter when their Charter was granted. BILL RHODES is Commander of the Waltham Post of the Legion this year. FRANK WHITE has started to take an interest and is doing good work for the 104th bill now in the Legislature.

Co. B.:—ARTHUR REED (M) has gone to Florida for the winter for his health.

Co. C.:—FRANK COUGHLIN (M) has joined the new Lowell Chapter. NED HORNIBROOK (M) is still in the South but hope to see him at the reunion. NORMAN HOWES is at Weymouth. HERB JEFFERY (M) is a faithful one and shows up often. DAN JONES (M) is a V. P. of The Y.D.V.A. and is doing good work on new Chapters in Worcester County. JOE KANUSKY has been among the missing lately. FRANK MALLARD (M) must be sticking close to Ipswich these days. DENNY WALLACE was at the Ball in December. TED NOYES (M) is Secretary of the 1936 Conv. Comm. QUINCY PARK (M) was another who has joined the Lowell Chapter. FRANK SALOME (M) is the other C Co. man from Lowell. FRANK BARON came in to get his application for the Bonus filled out and tells me he is married. When in New York had quite a time locating ED GRIMES but succeeded after a while and had quite a chat with him.

D Co.:—Lt. TED SCHOONMAKER (M) is the new Sec. of the N. Y. Chapter. LARRY WARNER (M) is still on the job and must be busy with the reunion not far away.

E Co.:—BUD FISHER (M) attends all the Smokers. JOE GANNON (M) does not get in often. TOM MACKAY (M) is Comm. of the Boston Unit of the 104th. JAMES TROY has just signed up.

F Co.:—S. MILI (M) is about the only F Co. man who comes in. PEPPER RYAN was a member last year.

G Co.:—CY LITTLE (M) and ED MITCHELL (M) are the only ones from G that we ever see.

H Co.:—ARTHUR GAULIN (M) has been living around the corner from the Club so he is in often. TOM MARLEY (M) is still in Portland but will be at the Re-union.

I Co.:—AUSTIN APPLEY (M) is holding the fort for the Company in Boston, he has just been nominated for President of the YD Club of Boston.

K Co.:—Capt. WALTER AUSTIN (M) seems to be the only one in this section. Noticed GEORGE WALSH'S (M) name on the new list of the Lowell Chapter.

L Co.:—TOM MCGRATH (M) seems to be alone from L. He is still at the City Hall in Somerville.

M Co.:—JIM BEST (M) and Capt. DUNN (M) are M Co. best bet in the Boston Area.

—H. G. W. (LM)

ENGINEER ENTRIES

101ST ENGINEER WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Plans are being made for the Annual Reunion tendered to the men of the 101st Engineers by the Welfare Association, to be held at the Cadet Armory on Saturday, April 4.

It is earnestly hoped that the return post-card attached to the invitations being sent out will be returned promptly, to assist the committee in perfecting arrangements.

CAPERS OF C

The twelfth annual reunion of C Co., 101st Engineers Association, was held at the YD Club, Saturday night, January 18. In spite of the storm, twenty-two were present.

The meeting was called to order by CLYDE A. BOOKER (M) in the absence of THOMAS O'HARA, the retiring chairman. Out of respect for WILLIAM F. MOFFITT who died last February, and other departed comrades, members stood with bowed heads. The nominating committee consisting of UNDERWOOD (M), HEALD (M) and PORTER (M) proposed the name of HARRY E. SMITH, "High Explosive", who was unanimously elected the third member of the governing board, the other two being CLYDE A. BOOKER (M) and ERNEST STORER.

It was voted to hold the "Old Orchard Party" the week-end of June 20th. Don't forget to make your reservations with HARRY PORTER. 15 men were present at Old Orchard last June. MIKE MOONEY's (M) talk about the Foreign Legion held the attention of the gang except for the slight interruption caused by the entrance of the Four Horsemen, who politely seated each other. Movies, eats, and "who won the war?" stories prolonged the meeting until midnight. The following men attended:

BOOKER (M), BRACKETT, CAHOON, CARTER (M), CLOUGH, CONNOLLY (M), DELORIE, HEALD (M), JENNY, KELLEHER, MITCHELL, MORISON, MUNROE, H. L. PORTER (M), H. E. PORTER, ROSS, H. E. SMITH, STORER, TYLER, UNDERWOOD (M), WALKER and WHITE.

A letter from H. P. MACALMAN was received. Mac is working on the Quoddy project at Eastport.

—HAROLD F. HEALD (M)
Secretary pro tem.

FANCIES OF F

The regular February "Second Friday in the Month" ran into a man-sized load of grief in the form of a combined blizzard, down-pour and freeze-up. Consequently the "club devkelder" saw instead of better than the 18 F Company men who attended the month before, just three faithful on hand. Their names deserve to be immortalized: REDFIELD (M), BAILEY (M), VAN BAEL (M). Had a phone call from JOHN GERRISH, saying if it wasn't such a devil of a night, he had planned to come in; which would have been his No. 1 appearance at these gatherings.

EARL BARKER (M) dropped into the Club this week to "have his finger prints took" and all the rest of the necessary preliminaries to getting his bonus bonds. TINK FORD (M) is another occasional visitor.

Seem like old times to see AL DAYS's familiar face in the Club the other day. He also availed himself of the Club's free services to all veterans in making out their bonus applications. We haven't seen Al in the proverbial blue moon, and it sure was good to shake hands again. He had the misfortune recently to lose his sister, and things on the whole have been none too good in a business way; but he's still hanging on, and here's luck to one fella that sure deserves it!

EBEN DIKE was still another to make his appearance in the YD Club in very recent weeks. Is still with the same concern, but is living at his old home in Melrose now—one of the few bachelors left in the company. Incidentally, Eben would like an advance, for business investment, on his bonus, if anyone is interested.

Had a pleasant chat with ERNEST KLUGE (M) during a recent visit to New York for the purpose of presenting a charter to New York Chapter. Ernest attended the meeting and afterwards dropped over to our hotel room for a night-cap and chewing of the fat.

Captain GEORGE I. CROSS has figured in the local news of Worcester quite a bit lately, as executive director of the Worcester Historical Society, which has suffered the misfortune of being twice broken into and robbed within a few months.

A letter from JACK LINDGREN (M) out in Los Angeles, under date of January 14, says in part: "How is everything in Boston? I certainly do miss the meetings, and wish I could drop in some "second Friday" on the bunch in the Club downstairs. But after all, this isn't a bad place to spend a winter; the weather has been very nice and pleasant of sunshine. I recently joined Hollywood Post 43, and ride with the mounted troupe. It sure is some post. Give my regards to F Company."

And this from HAP KENDALL (M), Fort Wayne, Ind.: "It doesn't take much imagination to visualize the grind you've been through the past three or four years, keeping alive the concrete symbol of the old YD, which, believe it or not, actually has a definite existence in the lives of some of us. May the path into the future smooth itself out, much as the road across no-man's land in the St. Mihiel drive got smoother as we approached the other side. Haven't seen the Club for ten years, or you for nearly twenty; but best wishes, and the same goes for all the old F Company crowd you see."

—P. N. S. (M)

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